

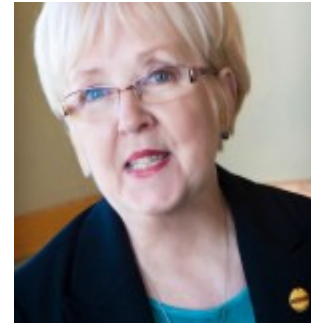


## District 6 Toastmasters

Where Leaders Are Made

### Five Weeks 'til Christmas?

Do you remember last Thanksgiving as you shopped for your Thanksgiving turkey? As you drove up to the store you saw Christmas decorations everywhere. Did you grumble to yourself "they are pushing the season: we still have five weeks until Christmas"?



Exactly! We still have **five weeks** to the **end of this Toastmasters year**. We have a lot to do on our list.

1. Let's look at our home club. Have we turned in all of our **educational awards**? Do we have 20 or more **members**?
2. Have we elected **new club officers** and sent the list to World Headquarters?
3. Have we nominated a **Toastmaster of the Year** from our club and sent it on to the Area Governor?
4. If we are sponsoring a new club, have we finished up the paperwork, collected all of the applications and money, and sent it all on to World Headquarters to officially charter as a club?

In the remaining five weeks I encourage all of us to benefit from this really incredible program known as Toastmasters by empowering ourselves and others as we finish this year Toastmasters Strong!

All the Best,

*Sharon*

Sharon L. Rollefson, DTM  
Toastmasters International  
District 6 Governor 2013-2014

### Education & Training

With just five weeks left in this Toastmasters year, there still remains a lot of work left for District 6 to become distinguished.

#### **Beat the Clock Program Dates: May 1 - June 30**

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 - and with a bang! The goal for your club is to earn the "Beat the Clock" award. Make this a contest in your club to encourage every member to get involved. Clubs adding **five new, dual, or reinstated members during May and June receive a "Beat the Clock" ribbon** to display on the club's banner. In addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs 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.) Applications and payments for members who join between May 1 and June 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than June 30. Each member's join date as listed on the application must be for May or June. 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 contest ending. 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.

### **Distinguished Clubs**

Distinguished clubs lead to distinguished areas, divisions, and the district. Without dedicated members driving distinguished clubs, none of the other entities will be successful. There are 80 distinguished or higher clubs in the district as of 5/19/2014. The district needs 36 more distinguished clubs to fulfill the DCP component of becoming a distinguished district. With a total of 148 clubs with five or more DCP goals met (including the 80 clubs already distinguished), we feel confident that the district will achieve this goal by June 30, 2014.

### **Educational Awards Tracking**

As of 5/19/2014, District 6 Toastmasters members completed **19 DTMs, 433 CCs, 194 CLs, 185 ACs, 122 ALs, and 25 LDREXCs/HPLs**. In addition, 61 Triple Crown awards have been earned by D6 members. All of the above continue to show upward trends. Continued congratulations and thanks for your unrelenting diligence and dedication to the education program for District 6 and Toastmasters!

### **Speechcraft & YLP**

Congratulations and thanks are in order for this year's Lorin Pollman and Keith Hardy awardees for excellence in Speechcraft and Youth Leadership, respectively. Ravi Rai (Word Masters, Club #2848) presented and coordinated several successful Speechcraft sessions at Metro State University. Additionally, James Rhodes (HealthToasters, Club #9648) received the award for his leadership and facilitation of a Youth Leadership Program at Hopkins High School. Both of these Toastmasters International programs are excellent membership and club building tools. Congratulations to Ravi, Jim, and their clubs.

Our members continue to excel in improving both their communication and leadership skills. Congratulations and thanks for all that you do in growing and helping to sustain our district.

### **Let's Finish Strong, District 6!!!**

#### **Clinton Hunt, Jr., Ph.D., DTM**

Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training, 2013-2014  
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## Marketing Matters

### New Clubs

I would like to introduce the following new clubs to District 6:

- Return To Words - Bloomington, MN (4/1/2014)
- ECMC EduSpeakers - St Paul, MN (4/16/2014)
- Storytellers - Thunder Bay, Ontario (5/7/2014)



We have three more clubs in the process of chartering. More information on these will be in our next newsletter.

### Club Building Campaign

Congratulations to the following club winners:

- ALLETE "Power Cord" Toastmasters (#1036446)
- Carver County Communicators (#5518)
- Ordway Orators (#4709)
- Eagan Communicators (#5298)
- Cosmopolitan Toastmasters (#515)
- Super Valued Speakers (#5939)
- The Rat Pack (#1098)
- Pru Toastmasters (#5948)
- Expressly Speaking (#687051)
- Butler Expressors (#4217)

### Lou Novak Award

Each year the Lou Novak Award is presented at the District 6 Spring Convention to a Toastmaster who significantly contributes to the growth of new clubs in District 6. Please congratulate this year's recipient, Harold Osmundson.

### Club Officer List

Reminder: the 2014-2015 club officer list is due to Toastmasters International no later than June 30. Please submit your incoming officer list to Toastmasters International now!

### Club Officer Training (Round #1)

Round #1 of club officer training for the 2014-2015 club officers starts June 1. Please check the District 6 website ([www.d6tm.org/officertraining](http://www.d6tm.org/officertraining)) for a list of training opportunities or contact your Area Governor.

### Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

Save the date for our TLI on July 19 at the Ramada Plaza in Minneapolis. More information will be posted on the District 6 website as it becomes available.

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## Public Relations

Fellow District 6 Toastmasters,

Time really flies fast! I can't believe May is almost over. Thank you so much to all the District 6 clubs that submitted their material for the public relations contest! It was very competitive. District 6 appreciates all the clubs who help to promote Toastmasters, regardless of whether they were competing in this year's public relations contest.



Below are the winners of this year's contest. Many of them received their awards at the Spring Convention:

- Best website (TicTalkers)
- Best newsletter (Saturday Morning LIVE!)
- Best flyer/brochure (Midland)
- Best guest packet (River Park)
- Best promotional video (Checkmasters)
- Best social media (PowerTalk)
- Best media appearance (Rochester)

We are working on making all the winning material available on the District 6 website. For clubs that are considering how to promote Toastmasters, it is always good to start with successful ideas from others. The goal is not about winning the contest but helping to promote Toastmasters. This year's PR contest might be over, but the PR effort is not finished. As our district governor said during the district leadership training, we still have lots of work to do. Let's finish strong together!

Lastly, I would like to thank District 6 Toastmasters for another great year to serve our members. It was my pleasure to serve as your Public Relations Officer this year. I received lots of support from our district and members throughout my term. I am sure that Ravi Rai, our incoming PRO, will also need your support. He is a great mentor of mine, and I am sure he will be a great PRO next year. I hope you have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Colbert

Colbert Fong, DTM  
Public Relations Officer

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## It's That Time Again: Toastmaster of the Year Time!

Fellow Toastmasters, it's that time of year again; the time of year to honor those who lead by example, go the extra mile, and make us all proud to be called Toastmasters.

Each year every club has the opportunity to recognize one of their members who exemplifies what Toastmasters is all about. The club Toastmaster of the Year (TMOY) is then considered for recognition as the Area TMOY, whose winners are considered for Division TMOY, and then finally the Division TMOYs are considered



for District 6 Toastmaster of the Year. Area, Division, and District TMOYs are recognized at the summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute.

You can nominate someone as your club's TMOY by using the nomination form, which can be found on D6TM.org under "Awards and Forms." Please use this nomination form to ensure that all nominees are considered using the same criteria. Remember, TMOY is not a popularity contest but rather recognition of those individuals who have accomplished the most during their Toastmasters year. Consider last year's District 6 TMOY, Rich Andresen, who along with earning two DTM awards also found time to help start new clubs, promote Toastmasters in the media, and serve in club and district leadership positions.

Club presidents must have their club TMOY nominee forwarded to their area governor by May 31. More information was sent to the club presidents and district officers. Individuals currently serving as an area, division, or district governor/lt. governor are not eligible for the TMOY award, nor are the district secretary, treasurer, and PR officers.

**Jon Chalmers, DTM**  
District 6 TMOY Chair

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## From the District Treasurer

As we wrap up our Toastmasters year, you're going to hear, read, and see a lot of promotion about membership and pushing to get clubs and our district distinguished. All of that is important, but so is having the ability to reimburse our members so that they can effectively produce those results. We are an all-volunteer organization, but sometimes the cost of promoting the organization is just too much to shoulder alone. When those costs meet our goals and strengthen the organization, we want to reimburse our members for their efforts and expenses. To do that, we must prove to World Headquarters that these expenses are legitimate and within the policies and guidelines set forth by Toastmasters International.



The biggest expense paid to our elected and appointed leaders, or even those representing them, is reimbursement for mileage driven in relation to district business. Mileage is reimbursed at the IRS business rate of \$0.56/mile driven roundtrip from your home address to the destination (required club visit, district training, officer training, etc.) minus 25 miles. There is no reimbursement for contests, TLI, or conventions, with exceptions for the training at those events. To prove them, they must be documented in addition to the reimbursement form request. Please send me a message, and I will send you a form to use.

As we close out the books for the 2013-2014 year, please remember to get your reimbursement requests to Sharon Rollefson as soon as possible so I can complete the process and get you paid. Also, if you have any undeposited reimbursement checks, please deposit them right away.

Remember, becoming a Distinguished District is important, but being successful means doing it the right way!

Eric McBrayer  
Toastmasters International  
District 6 Treasurer, 2013-2014