

# District 6 Toastmasters

Where Leaders Are Made



## February 2013



**Dear Member,**

February has been an exciting month. We had the pleasure of hosting a remarkable keynote speaker, Dilip Abayasekara, at the Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI). Attendees were touched by Dr. Dilip's passion, expertise and honesty. He offered a no nonsense, straight from the heart presentation that elicited great emotion from his audience.

Dr. Dilip shared ideas in communicating from the heart: Passion (showing interest in others); the desire to Connect ; and a call for Vision. He spoke about how authenticity allows trust to grow. He also shared the paradox: When you forget yourself, you become your best self.

This highly accomplished entrepreneur did more than speak; he walked his talk. At the end of the luncheon, he set the example of forgetting self by honoring and recognizing others.

We appreciate the lessons learned during our TLI, not only from our keynote, but from our educational sessions and officer training. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to the plate and presented, shared and inspired. Thanks also to all those behind the scenes who worked diligently to put this event together. We know it is not as easy as you make it look!

If you missed this TLI, we hope you will set time aside for the next one in July. TLI's only happen twice a year. We can't express enough the benefits of spending time being inspired, entertained, taught and recognized. You simply don't know what you might miss!

*Dru Jorgensen, DTM*

*District Governor*

*2012-2013*

## District 6 News & Events

### The Golden Ticket

District 6 has initiated a fun new contest with a terrific prize attached! It is called the Golden Ticket!

Each Area will be given one Golden Ticket which will be awarded to the club who has achieved the most points. The Golden Ticket represents one free registration to the Spring Convention, a value of \$135! The winning club will determine who will be the lucky recipient.

Points are earned, as follows:

- 1 point for each club flier posted
- 1 point for coffee shop business cards distributed (or club invite)
- 1 point for updating your profile on your clubs website
- 10 points for each visitor to the club
- 20 points for each new member to join

The contest runs now through **April 5, 2013**. All entries must be confirmed through your Area Governor, so keep track and give them details! Good luck and we hope to see you at **Spring Convention!**

### International President John Lau's 1+1 Membership Campaign

We love a challenge almost as much as we love to recognize achievement! With the new 1+1 program, we can enjoy both. It is very simple, yet powerful in its far-reaching effects of building membership.

#### It works like this:

**Step 1:** Refer a friend or associate who becomes a Toastmaster.

**Step 2:** Fill out the 1+1 Form @

<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/MembershipBuilding/11Campaign.aspx#11>

**Step 3:** Receive recognition from Toastmasters International! Recognition is broken into three areas: Members, Clubs and Districts.

**Members:** Receive a 1+1 decal and a personalized letter from Executive Director, Dan Rex. Each month your name will be listed on the 1+1 webpage wall. In addition, all referring members' names will be included in a drawing to win a 1+1 Toastmasters t-shirt.

**Clubs:** How does a \$250 store credit sound? The top 20 clubs gaining the most new members from the 1+1 campaign will receive just that!

**Districts:** The top five Districts receiving the greatest number of new members from the 1+1 campaign will receive a \$500 store credit. How awesome is that?

**Remember:** INVITE & ENCOURAGE = GROWTH

This campaign only lasts through **June 30, 2013**. Good luck!

### Spring Speech Contests

Can you believe Spring is right around the corner? We know what that means: it's contest time! Contests will be **Tall Tales** and the **International**.

**Tall Tales** is a 3-5 minute speech and entails a highly improbable, humorous tale.

The **International Speech** is 5-7 minutes. A member must have completed at least six manual speeches prior to the contest for this speech.

Area contests begin in **March**, leading the way for the Division contests in **April**. This means that clubs should begin scheduling and conducting their contests now.

## District 6 Call for Nominations

Nominations have been extended through **March 15, 2013**, for leadership positions within the District. If you would like to run for an office, there is still time. For questions, application forms, or additional information, please go to the following link:

<http://www.d6tm.org/call-for-nominations/>.

## Web Pro In A Minute

Surveys are an excellent way for an organization to gather valuable information from its members. District 6 has made available a survey designed to give you an opportunity to share your concerns, ideas, and recommendations. Please visit:

<http://www.d6tm.org/district-6-membership-survey/> and let your voice be heard! In under a minute (or so) you can contribute important information for the greater good of District 6 and its members.

## Club Officers

### Share the Newsletters

As a club officer, you have the opportunity to serve your club members every week. One of the best ways to do this is to keep abreast of current news not only within District 6, but in the global Toastmasters International organization. Familiarize yourself with both the District and International websites; there is a wealth of fun, interesting and important information that will benefit you and your fellow club members. As you invest a bit of time into searching these websites, you will feel a part of something significant that spans the globe. Go to: [d6tm.org](http://d6tm.org) and [Toastmasters.org](http://Toastmasters.org). You will be glad you did!

### Verify your e-mail address and update your profile information here:

[Toastmasters International](#) - Member Profile

## Area Governors

Area Governors are busy serving, nurturing and promoting their clubs. In addition, there are calendar items that need to be paid attention to in order to keep your Governorship on task. Keep in mind the following:

- Spring contests. Make sure your club leadership knows the Area contest schedule so they can prepare their own contest in time.
- The second round of Area Governor visits has begun and goes through May 31. These visits are very important as they will help you assess clubs and where they are in meeting their goals. Accordingly, you can offer specific and meaningful help and support.
- The next Area Governor training session will be held on March 9. This session will help you understand the most important areas of focus for the upcoming months ahead.
- AG's have their own site on the D6tm.org website. Utilize this tool; it is designed to facilitate and help:

<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/OfficerResources/AreaClubVisits.aspx>

The next few months will be busy, rewarding and exciting. Now is your time to concentrate your efforts, and to shine, lead and serve your clubs. Their success is your success. Don't hold back; go for broke. Remember all things are possible!

## Reminder!

Round Two of Officer training ends February 28. Check out the District 6 website to see where training sessions are being offered in your area, or contact your Area Governor. Remember, a trained officer equals an effective leader. Take the responsible path and get trained!

***[Link to Officer Training Calendar](#)***

## New Members are Calling!

Is your club phone number up to date?

Area Governors, please contact each club in your area, using the phone number quoted on Toastmasters International website, to ensure phone numbers noted on the website are active.



The District 6 alignment page has been updated. This was formerly known as "Find a Club". If you have not visited this page before, please go to: <http://www.d6tm.org/findclub/>. It is an excellent resource for club information. Check it out; see what your fellow clubs are doing!

## Announcements



### Triple Crown Awards

Mary Adams  
 Rich Andresen  
 Lisa Burnside  
 Helen Chen  
 Glen DeGuzman  
 Thomas Deyo  
 Colbert Fong  
 Jean Gallagher  
 Anne Groetsch  
 Colleen Hamilton  
 Keith Hardy  
 Brian Hinton  
 Curt Johnson  
 Mark S. Kennedy  
 Marvel Kummer  
 Hu Longfel  
 Susan McCoy  
 BJ Olsen  
 Jean Pearson  
 Thomas Polachek  
 Terry Ragan  
 Ravi Rai  
 Jane Rischmiller  
 Greg Scholz  
 Stephen Shaner  
 Dan Vesey

## Public Relations Officer

### Diane Windingland



It is time for the annual Public Relations Contest! All entries are to be submitted electronically, with the exception of the Guest Packet. When emailing, please send your work in PDF format. If you don't have a PDF generating program, there are free options available

online. One example is Free PDF Converter.  
 Contest Categories:

- Best Website
- Best Newsletter
- Best Flyer/Brochure
- Best Press Release
- Best Guest Packet
- Best Social Media/Blog

Winners will receive awards during the breakfast session at the Spring Convention, May 4. Winners will be notified by April 26. The deadline for entries is April 1. For all the details, go to:

<http://www.d6tm.org/springconvention2013/prcontest/>

Jump on board, show your club's creative side and have fun!

### Newsletter Co-Editors-in-Chief

***Jean Mirowski*** and ***Nancy Shaner***



We welcome your feedback on the E-Newsletter. What would you like to see? What do you like or don't like? We are here to serve you and to make the news around the District meaningful and entertaining. Please click on our names to contact us.

### 2013 Video PR Winners

Congratulations to Hutchinson Toastmasters II for winning the PR Video Contest. Their award-winning video was debuted at the TLI, and received rave reviews. You can view this video, as well as others, at: <http://www.d6tm.org/2013-pr-video-contest/>.

Great job everyone and thanks for your participation and submissions!

### Where does your club stand on the Distinguished Club Plan Goals?

[Click here to find out!](#)