



# District 6 Toastmasters

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### Welcoming a New Year

Welcome to a new year! On behalf of the 2017-2018 District 6 team, thank you for continuing your journey with Toastmasters. We're delighted for the opportunity to serve you.

Below are a few ideas and updates to share with you this month:

**Write Your 2017-2018 Story** - Each year we write our story. Before the whirlwind of life takes over, take a few minutes to plan and write your story for 2017-2018. What goals will you achieve? How will Toastmasters help you? However you craft your story, I hope it includes growth, service, and achievement. All the best for 2017-2018.

What are my goals? In 2017-2018, I want to learn to produce video content and share our message through video. I'm still terrified by cameras! Beyond that scary goal, all my energy will be spent helping you, and every member and leader in District 6 have an amazing year. It's an honor to serve as District Director, and it's a responsibility I take seriously.

**Quality is #1** - What's our team's vision for District 6? In a word, quality. Quality in your club will make the difference in your experience and the experience of all other members. A relentless focus on quality will also grow your club.

The world needs leaders, and the world desperately needs what you and your club offer. But the world also asks us, "Can you deliver?" Individuals and organizations turn to Toastmasters for communication and leadership development. When we achieve high levels of quality, we each grow and benefit. We deliver. As a result, others want what we have. It all starts with a decision to make quality #1. Please join me in the campaign for quality this year.

*"Quality is more important than quantity. One home run is much better than two doubles." – Steve Jobs*

**Stronger Together** - Humbly, I ask for your help this year. Let's strengthen our community of members and clubs. The magic of Toastmasters happens within clubs. For the benefit of each member, we need each club to be strong and full of magic. Some clubs, members, and leaders in your area could benefit from your support. Let's show our strength by helping each club become the best it can be. Please connect with me to join this effort.

## Designate Club Proxy

By Tuesday, August 22  
[How to Submit Proxy](#)

## District 6 Fall Conference

November 3 - 4, 2017  
DoubleTree, Rochester, MN

## Don't Miss These Upcoming Events!

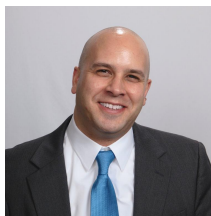
Get the most from your membership by attending the upcoming District 6 events below:

**An Evening of Storytelling with Patrick Rhone:** July 26th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, at Thomson Reuters in Eagan. Storytelling is a powerful and valuable skill. Attend this free session to learn how to capture and deliver stories. Register through the [Eventbrite page](#).

**Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI):** August 5th, 8:00 am - 2:15 pm at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth. The TLI offers the best officer training and 15+ educational sessions to choose from. There's something for each member. Learn from the sessions, and then enjoy the networking and recognition lunch at 12:00 noon. Delicious walleye, sauteed chicken, and fettuccine alfredo are on the menu! Register at [the TLI home page](#). The deadline for lunch is July 29th.

**Fall Conference:** November 3rd-4th at the DoubleTree Rochester. Join us for the Fall Farewell. We're excited to announce that International President, Balraj Arunasalam, DTM, will visit our Fall Conference! This is a special opportunity to meet the head of Toastmasters International. You won't want to miss this!

See you at the TLI on August 5th. Keep growing!

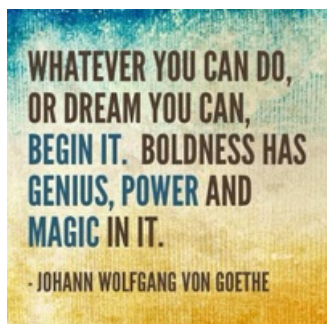


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## Begin It!



**Hello District 6!** I think this quote from Goethe is applicable as we start this new Toastmasters year. Whether you're working to finish your first speech, your next manual, or become a Distinguished Toastmaster, in this new TM year, BEGIN IT. Whether you've answered the call to step up as a club officer, an Area Director, a Division Director, or some other role, BEGIN IT. As the quote says, the boldness of beginning it has genius, power, and magic in it. Embrace this new TM year, stretch yourself, invite guests to your club, encourage fellow members to stretch themselves, and help your club create a club culture of a quality club experience!



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## Speech Contest Time

Are you ready for a challenge? When was the last time you took your speaking talent beyond the club level? Speech contest time is just around the corner, so why not step forward and test your presentation skills and abilities through friendly and fun competition? Humorous Speech and Table Topics are the categories for this round of contests. Step outside your comfort zone and into the realm of competitive speaking and see just how much you can stretch your abilities this Toastmasters year! Begin your journey at the club level, and we hope to see you as a finalist at the Fall District Conference in Rochester, MN in November!



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## Member Recognition

### Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) Award

The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award is the highest honor in the Toastmasters education program. This award requires at least 45 speeches, 6 months of club leadership, 1 year of district leadership, club building, mentoring, and other activities. Achieving this award reflects commitment and excellence in communication and leadership.

#### **Congratulations to our newest Distinguished Toastmaster Award recipients:**

- Beth Somerville of Dan Patch Toastmasters Club (#1280)
- Jay Redington of King of Clubs (#447)
- Terry Hefferan of Rochester Suburban Club (#1883)

### Educational Awards 2016-2017

The reports below show the educational achievements by District 6 members in the 2016-2017 program year. Congratulations to each member!

[All Education Awards Submitted](#)

[Triple Crown \(3 or more educational in the same program year\)](#)

## Club Officer Training and the Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

Don't forget about your opportunity to be trained as a club officer! At training you'll learn about leadership, running a quality club, and your officer role.



**Connect, Share, and Learn**  
**Join District 6's Facebook groups**  
[District 6 Facebook Group](#)  
**Club Office-specific groups:** [Pres](#), [VPE](#), [VPM](#), [VPPR](#), [Sec](#), [Treas](#), [SAA](#)

## Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**  
**Crowne Plaza - Minneapolis West**  
**3131 Campus Drive**  
**Plymouth, MN 55441**

How do you want to grow, personally and professionally? Toastmasters Leadership Institute can be your gateway, opening up the wonderful world of Toastmasters outside your club.

### ***What happens at TLI?***

**Networking:** Meet your fellow Toastmasters from around the district. Gain insight into how other clubs function and succeed. Visit the District Store and purchase promotional items to inspire fellow club members without having to pay shipping!

**Education and Inspiration:** Select from a smorgasbord of **free** sessions, including *Multigenerational Communication; Using PowerPoint Effectively; How to Instill a Sense of*

*Importance in Ourselves and Others; Personal Development: Focused on Your Goals; Effective Evaluation Made Easy; Building Club Culture; Speechcraft, and many more!*

**Officer Training:** Basic and advanced sessions are planned. The first hour (8:00 am to 9:00 am) will be devoted to separate sessions for each officer role. This will be your chance to meet and mingle with others in the same officer role and learn how to lead your club to be the best!

**Networking and Recognition:** After your mind has been filled, help us celebrate our 2016-2017 accomplishments at the Networking and Recognition Luncheon.

**Are you ready?** Information and online registration are available at the [District 6 Website](#). We're looking forward to seeing you, whether you attend some or ALL of the exciting events planned!

**Erik Bieber, DTM & Judi Holloway, DTM**  
**TLI Co-Chairs, District 6**

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### New Club Announcements

**Congratulations to our newest clubs. Welcome to Toastmasters and District 6!**

- Uniquely Spoken (#6563495) chartered on 06/05/2017 in Dassel
- Toastmasters Live (#6581507) chartered on 06/21/2017 in Blaine
- Readership Toastmasters (#6602725) chartered on 06/27/2017 in Brooklyn Center
- Red Spade Speakers (#6595587) chartered on 06/30/2017 in Richfield

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### Transforming Lives Through Growth

Remember when you first joined Toastmasters, walking into your first meeting? Perhaps you were nervous. Maybe you looked around and thought everyone in the room was a better speaker than you. Perhaps you weren't sure you'd ever be able to stand in the front of the room. Maybe this describes you now.

The good news is the Toastmasters program works if we put the program to work for us. We know the amount of effort you put into the program determines how much you get out of the program. If we hold quality meetings, with engaged members, and great evaluations and feedback as outlined in the Toastmasters manuals, then this is the best way we support our existing members. Soon those members will achieve and progress at a rate they previously thought impossible.

It has been said, "With great power comes great responsibility", and this couldn't be truer with Toastmasters. We are inspired by hearing our fellow Toastmasters explain how much they benefitted from the program and decided to give back. Perhaps you are looking for a way to give back to the organization and help make this experience possible for more people.

How can we give back, you may ask...? Let's start close to home, in your club. By making a commitment to have a great club, you can greatly impact the Toastmasters experience that you and your members are exposed to. Whether you are in a newer club, or a more established one, make this year the year that you go "Back to Basics", review the officer and meeting roles as defined in your manuals. They are designed to help you achieve leadership and communication goals, however many Toastmasters just go through the motions without receiving the full benefit.

There are many clubs in District 6 below 20 members (165 out of 293). It's our goal as a leadership team to give every club the tools it needs to improve. The first thing that must happen is a commitment to quality. We've been amazed how, when club quality goes up, member engagement goes up, personal growth goes up, and then guests show up. It's much easier to add members at an engaging and energetic meeting.

Make a commitment as a club to conduct a [Moments of Truth](#) self-evaluation session early in this Toastmasters year, and participate in one of Toastmasters International's membership-building contests. The first membership-building contest is about to start. Any club adding five new, dual, or reinstated members with a join date of August 1 to September 30 will receive the Smedley Award. There are three membership contests throughout the Toastmaster year. Why not try to win all three awards? That would be an amazing accomplishment!

If you are looking for more ways to give back and grow your own leadership experience,



why not take part in starting a new Toastmasters club? There is no better way to gain a better understanding of how a club operates than to teach the fundamentals to a new club. By serving others to help them achieve their goals, you'll be greatly rewarded in the appreciation of new members and you'll greatly enhance your leadership character. We are always looking for sponsors (who help bring new club opportunities to charter) and mentors (who work with newly formed clubs to provide guidance and leadership).

We know that Toastmasters touches many hearts and leaves every Toastmaster with a lifetime of memories. It's that spirit driving our efforts to create a wonderful experience for District 6. We dream of creating opportunities through clubs in communities that currently do not have a Toastmasters club. Helping organizations experience the value in the leadership and communication program for their employees as well as their business.

Below is a small sample of efforts currently in progress in District 6:

- Anytime Fitness in Woodbury
- BASF
- Brooklyn Park
- Burnsville
- Cannon Falls
- Cottage Grove
- Crystal - Adult Learning Center
- Lakeville
- Optum
- Wells Fargo

If you have an idea to start a club, don't hesitate to contact your Club Growth Director to discuss the process.

After all, we know Toastmasters are not better than non-Toastmasters. We are just hungry people who have found a good source of food and want to share it with others. Wouldn't you want someone to share this opportunity with you? There is someone waiting to walk into their first Toastmasters meeting and start this great adventure. All they need is an invitation.



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## Attention: Club Presidents and Secretaries



On July 7th, you received a very important email from Toastmasters International with the subject, International Election Proxy Information.

Please make sure that emails sent from [dontreply@toastmasters.org](mailto:dontreply@toastmasters.org) will not be sent to your spam folder. The email contains instructions on how to designate your club's proxy for the Toastmasters International Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, August 26, 2017 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

It is important for your club to be represented at the Annual Business Meeting. Clubs will vote to elect international officers and directors to the 2017-2018 Board of Directors as well as vote on

Proposals A through G: Amendments to the Bylaws of Toastmasters International and the Club Constitution for Clubs of Toastmasters International. To learn about the proposals, go to <https://www.toastmasters.org/about/board-of-directors/proposals>. Designate your club proxy by **Tuesday, August 22nd**.

For step-by-step instructions, see <http://www.d6tm.org/how-to-designate-your-club-proxy/>.

## Special Announcement

Would you like to become a professional speaker but don't know where to start? Are you currently a professional speaker who would like to develop and grow your "speaking biz?"

The *SpeakerBiz* Institute has donated a full tuition scholarship valued at \$1,195.00 exclusive to District 6 Toastmasters for the 2017-2018 *SpeakerBiz* Exploratory Course to begin this Fall. This program is an introductory course designed to help aspiring professional speakers discover their passion, develop their purpose, and take a "peek" at the fascinating world of professional speaking. The tuition includes:

- 8 monthly program sessions the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 4:00pm - 7:00pm September - April at the Country Inn & Suites in Roseville (light dinner and course materials too!)
- 6-month membership to Toastmasters club of your choice!
- Full conference registration (less travel/lodging) to either the Fall 2017 Toastmasters Conference or the Spring 2018 Toastmasters Conference (your choice).
- Special end-of-year *SpeakerBiz* Showcase Graduation Celebration!

There will be one lucky winner chosen from random drawing on August 10<sup>th</sup> and winner will be notified same day!

To enter drawing, simply email Vitalia Pundyk (Founder and Director of *SpeakerBiz* Institute) at [vitalia@speakerbiz.net](mailto:vitalia@speakerbiz.net). You may also fill out a drawing slip any time during the upcoming TLI at the *SpeakerBiz* Table. For more info regarding this program and other *SpeakerBiz* Courses, go to [www.speakerbiz.net](http://www.speakerbiz.net) or call (952) 221-1701.

We thank Vitalia and The *SpeakerBiz* Institute for her generous donation and will post the name of the scholarship winner on our District 6 website!

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