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District News and Events



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Pathways is Here!

On May 3rd, the Pathways Learning Experience launched in District 6. This launch represents the most significant improvement to the Toastmasters educational program, ever! Let's make this program work for us and our goals. If you haven't already, visit <https://www.toastmasters.org/start-pathways> take the assessment, choose your path, and start growing faster through Pathways today!

Recap of Spring Conference

The 2018 Spring Conference was an amazing event. We were treated to 2 outstanding speech contests, enlightening educational sessions, terrific food, networking, and 3 business meetings! Congratulations and thanks to each member who attended the conference! For a full recap of the Spring Conference, see the [Spring Conference Recap page](#).

Special thanks to Spring Conference Chair, Catherine Rai Cardenuto, DTM for leading this amazing event!

Gems from May's Toastmaster Magazine

Several articles in the May issue of the Toastmaster magazine are worth reading:

- [Reignite Your Passion](#) - If you find you're checking the boxes more than actually growing, read Balraj's Viewpoint and set new goals to reignite your passion.
- [Dealing with Challenging Personalities](#) - Use this to develop skills to effectively deal with personalities.
- [What Could a 2nd Club Do For You?](#) - Get more speaking opportunities, grow your skills faster, and expand your experience by joining a 2nd club. Joining a 2nd club did wonders for my own development.
- [25 Ways to Nail Your Workplace Presentation](#) - Extremely relevant for members presenting in professional roles, but just as applicable for other situations. Great tips on remote presentations!

Strive for Excellence - 9 Rewards for You & Your Club

To recognize and reward your member and club for achievements in April-June, District 6 is sponsoring the [Strive for Excellence program](#). This program contains 9 rewards members and clubs can earn by contributing to their club's excellence. Take advantage of this program, and use [the 5 Steps to Achieve Excellence](#) to earn rewards while strengthening your club for the long term.

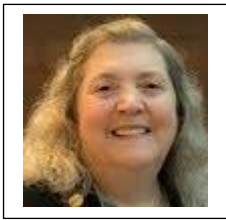
Congratulations to the April winners! Rewards for April winners are currently being distributed.

Club Officer Elections

If your club hasn't already held elections for the 2018-2019 program year, please do so soon. Electing officers now allows for proper preparation and transition.

For a guide on how to hold elections, see pages 56-59 from the [Club Leadership Handbook](#). This guide ensures your club holds a fair election, allowing each member the opportunity participate and run for an office. For a concise and well-written description of each club officer role, see the Club Leadership Roles section, starting on page 22.

Thank you for all you do. Let's strive for excellence. Keep growing!



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We had a great round of Division Speech Contests in April with only one affected (but not cancelled!) by nasty weather. I was sure we'd have more disruptions with as much snow as we received in April! If you want to see who won in each Division the results are posted on the D6tm.org website.

With all the talent out there, I knew we'd be in for two phenomenal contests at the Spring Conference. We had a great start with the Tall Tales contest on Friday night. Ben Smith was our Toastmaster, and in his opening dialogue he cleverly demonstrated what a Tall Tale should include. I'm sure the judges had a difficult time ranking such an impressive and clever field of participants. The winners of the Tall Tales contest were Mayank Sharma (1st Place), David Goldsworthy (2nd Place), and Keith Hardy (3rd Place).

Saturday evening's International Speech contest was equally incredible with a wide variety of speeches that were all exceptional. Once again, I'm sure the judges were faced with a daunting task with such a remarkable field of talented contestants! The winners of the International Speech contest were Kenny Ray Morgan (1st Place), Mark Skipper (2nd Place), and Stephen Shaner (3rd Place). Kenny Ray will head to Chicago in August to initially participate in semi-final number 4 at the International Convention. Good luck Kenny Ray!

It's very interesting to be part of the semifinals as an audience member, and I hope that as many members as possible will make the trip to the International Convention in Chicago. The convention runs August 22nd, 2018 through August 25th, 2018, and registration is currently available on the Toastmaster website. I look forward to seeing you there!

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:

- Matthew Vilella of Nanabijou Club (#2090)
- Brian Spare of Heart of the Harbour Toastmasters Club (#7124)
- David Goldsworthy of Storytellers (#3944592)
- Brian Rice of AC Early Risers (#2665)
- Daria Kubricky of Voices of Ameriprise Financial (#5338)
- Gary Alexander of White Bear Toastmasters (#167)
- Harold Osmundson of AC Early Risers (#2665)
- Emily Hanson of SUPER Communicators (#1098516)

Educational Awards 2017-2018

The reports below show the educational achievements by District 6 members in the 2017-2018 program year. Congratulations to each member!

[All Education Awards Submitted](#)

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



New Club Announcements

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

- Thesaurus Rex (#6816281) chartered on 04/01/2018 in Saint Paul
- Roast Masters (#6802640) chartered on 04/03/2018 in Mankato
- Ed Talks (#6839291) chartered on 04/17/2018 in Bloomington



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