

District 6 Toastmasters

Where Leaders Are Made



November 2012



Dear Member,

Thanksgiving...a simple word that is so full of meaning. Thanksgiving is full of traditions and memories and opportunities. It is a time to reflect, to appreciate, and to recognize all that is good and noteworthy. It is of giving thanks that I would like to say a few words.

District 6 has some of the most hard-working and dedicated Toastmasters within the entire organization. I can say this, not only because I am a bit prejudiced, but because I believe it is absolutely true. Leaders step forward within our Clubs, Areas, Divisions and the District. Our leaders encourage and support members to do and be their best; to aim for excellence in all things. They also support each other because leadership is about teamwork and working together for the good of all. Mentors and coaches fill an important role as they step up to the plate and do their part to inspire greater growth and participation. Our members are so valued. They work very hard. They follow the Toastmasters program and dedicate their time and talents to achieve goals and help each other reach for the stars. Without the commitment of our members and our leaders, we would be average, and we are anything but!

This Thanksgiving, it is my hope that we recognize the dedication, hard work and sacrifices our leaders make on our behalf. It is also my hope that each member is shown the respect, recognition and support that they deserve. Success is a two way street and it is definitely not a solo act. We need each other. How dull life would be if we had no one to stand by us, encourage us, and celebrate with us!

I appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for all you do not only for the District, but for each other. Our Canadian friends have already celebrated their Thanksgiving in October. For others, it is soon to come. To all, may you be filled with hope, love and the light of this special time of year.

Dru Jorgensen, DTM
District Governor
2012-2013

Club Officers

Mid-Year Officer Elections

Attention Club Officers:

Some clubs elect officers every six months. If your club is one that does, please remember that the new officer list must be submitted to Toastmasters International by **December 31, 2012.**

January Open Houses

by *Jean Mirowski*

Before we get caught up in the busy time of shopping, decorating and preparing for the Christmas / Holiday season, it is a great idea to plan a Toastmaster Open House in January. When winter gets dreary, and we get teary from a lack of warm weather and sunshine, make plans to share the Toastmasters secret to happiness!

Advertise, broadcast, promote and sell an Open House to your family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances! Combine forces to promote several clubs at one event.

Be ready with entertaining Table Topics, the best ice breaker yet for folks 18 to 118!

Web Pro in Under a Minute

Are you a club officer? Have you ever wished you had some ideas for your club meetings? Look no further! The District 6 Cookbook provides just that. Do you like checklists to help you keep track of month-to-month tasks? Go to D6tm.org, click on Resources, then [Club Officer Resources](#) for a wealth of information. You can become a club officer pro in under a minute!

Area Governors

Reminder!

Round Two of Officer training begins December 1. Area Governors, assess your clubs' needs and use your imagination to create training sessions that not only provide useful tools and information, but inspire as well. Club leaders, take the opportunity officer training offers to help you lead your club to Distinguished. Remember, being a Distinguished club is a culmination of the individual and club effort necessary to provide every member with a positive Toastmasters experience. Training is absolutely essential. Don't miss out! Training dates will continue to be updated on the D6 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.



Division Governors

Moments of Truth

Fellowship, Variety, and Communication

Members participate in area and district events.

During the Fall Conference, it was nice to see that all 10 Divisions had contestants in the Humorous Speech Contests. In addition, all the Division Governors were present, assuring that each Division was well represented. During the Saturday morning Parade of Banners, almost everyone in the room participated. Thanks to all the members for their support and participation in making district events so successful.

Glen de Guzman
Metro Division Governor

Education & Training

Sharon Rollefson Lt Governor, Education & Training



Thanksgiving - a time to reflect with thanks!

As Lt. Governor of Education and Training, there is so much to be aware of and to give thanks for.

As I sit here and give thanks, I am able to count my blessings: Division Governors, Area Governors, Club Officers, District Chairpersons and every Toastmaster that joins our organization.

Personally, I am especially thankful for all the people who have and continue to mentor and train me as I continue to live the Toastmaster Motto, "Where Leaders are Made."

May each of you be Blessed with the Gratitude and Richness of Toastmasters.

Announcements

District 6 Call for Nominations

This is a call to all members to consider filling a leadership role for the District. Working in leadership at the District level is a unique opportunity; one that will expand your knowledge and experience that will carry you far beyond Toastmasters. Nominations are now being accepted through February 15, 2013 for leadership positions within the District. Anyone interested in running for a Division or District office, please go to the following link for additional information and nomination instructions: <http://www.d6tm.org/call-for-nominations>.



District 6 Holiday Party

Get in the holiday spirit and come to the District 6 Holiday Party! The festivities will begin:

5:00 pm

Marketing



Clinton Hunt, Jr. Lt Governor, Marketing

Club Building:

I am on the road promoting Toastmasters, going to open houses and demo meetings. Remember that January is right around the corner so now is the perfect time to plan and promote your Toastmasters club to friends, family and your community.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Public Relations



Diane Windingland Public Relations Officer

Come to Speak the Movie!

Be inspired and invite a friend, family member or coworker to a free screening of the Toastmasters movie *Speak* on 11/29 at the Brookdale Library. *Speak*, a documentary film about the fear of public speaking and the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking, follows six contestants as they overcome life's hurdles while participating in the largest speech contest in the world.

Register here:

<http://speakmovie.eventbrite.com/>

More about the movie:

<http://speakthemovie.com/>

Plan ahead for PR contests

Video Contest:

Get your creative juices flowing for the club video contest!

The club video contest submission dates are January 18-31 (submissions on the contest area of our Facebook fanpage:

www.facebook.com/D6toastmasters).

Click on the picture of the trophy on or after January 18. Voting will be February 1-8 and the winners will be announced February 9 at TLI. Videos should be 2 minutes or less in length.

**Saturday, December 1
The River Crossing Apartments,
1735 W. Graham Avenue,
St. Paul, MN 55116**

Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share.

Newsletter Co-Editors-in-Chief

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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. Click on our names to send an e-mail to us.

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

[Click here to find out!](#)

Prizes:

1st place \$100 gift certificate to the resource center
2nd place \$50 gift certificate to the resource center
Winning clubs can choose items from the resource center at TLI or at Spring Convention
Or, they can place an order at the resource center at the TLI for items not at the resource center

Create a club video to promote your club and your club will be a winner, even if you don't get first or second place. You can use the video on your website, in social media and more!

To get an idea of some of the videos submitted last year, check out this partial YouTube playlist:
<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL94AF0E4718ABF90C>

PR Contests

Best: Website, Newsletter, Flyer/Brochure, Press Release, Guest Packet, Social Media.
Submissions due April 1.

[*Flyer for Video and PR Contests*](#)

Is Your Club Website Working for You?

When prospective members search for a club on Toastmasters International, will your website get them to visit?

#1 Does your club have a website? Websites are your 24/7 promotional tool.

#2 Does your website link work? A few clubs have broken links.

#3 Is the contact, time and location information correct? Have you updated the information?

Click [here](#) for information on creating or updating