

# District 6 Toastmasters

Where Leaders Are Made



September 2012

News from the District Governor



Dear Larry,

Welcome:

Let me begin by expressing appreciation for all of our clubs, past and present officers for focusing on our members! In this edition of eNews, we celebrate club success in the 2011-2012 Toastmaster year.

Last month, Sharon, Clinton and I attended District Leader training in Orlando, Florida. One of my training sessions included District Governors from all 88 Districts. Everyone shared their excitement for our members, opportunities and challenges. As I heard and synthesized information, I realized how grateful I am to represent District 6. We have a phenomenal base of clubs, passionate club officers and seasoned Toastmasters willing to mentor and support one another.

As the season changes to Fall, excitement builds for club visits and speech contests.

### Club Visits

Your Area Governors will be completing their club visits. Take advantage of the opportunity by asking your Area Governor to fill a meeting role, give a speech and to attend your club officers meeting. Build a relationship with your Area Governor. They are here to support, serve and be a communication conduit to your division and District.

### Speech Contests

Ask your Area and Division Governors how you may help at their speech contests. You will find the experience to be rewarding, plus an opportunity to network and reconnect with old friends. Speech contest calendar link.....> ***Speech Calendar***

Reach **O**ut **S**hare **E**nergy, express passion and take action by:  
inviting a friend to become a member of each of your clubs.

Dru Jorgensen  
District 6 Governor

Fall Conference 2012 "Call of the Wild"  
Discover what IS "Wild"

October 19-20, 2012

Cragun's Resort and Hotel on Gull Lake  
11000 Craguns Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401



### Registration

Can you believe the full-conference fee is ONLY \$110.00 ?

*WILD !! Register now!*

Your 2012 Fall Conference Committee is waiting for you to join them at Cragun's Resort!

Cragun's has assured us that there will be rooms available for all division contest winners.

- [Fall Convention Registration](#)
- [Full Menu \(including sides\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Cragun's Resort and Hotel Reservation Form \(pdf\)](#)
- [Pictures of Cragun's](#)

### Contests

- [Area/Division Contest Calendar](#)
- [Fall Speech Contest Information & Contestants](#)

### **Other Conference Information** (link to web-site)

- Call for Presenters
- Volunteers (word doc)
- First Timer Facts (word doc)
- Proxy Form for the Business Meeting (pdf)
- Silent Auction (pdf)

### **District Business Meeting**

**Be sure to attend the business meeting on Saturday, October 20, at 9:30 a.m. in Paul Bunyan 1.**

**If you did not receive a September 2012 News from District 6 Toastmasters, you may print the Proxy Form and bring it to the Credentials Desk. Be sure to check the schedule as well as your conference programs to verify when the desk will be staffed.**

### **Club Proxy Form**

The proxy form is only used for the District 6 business meeting. Each club has two votes. If the President or VP of Education can not attend in person, a proxy name can be assigned on the form below. This person must be an active member of the club and attend the business meeting in order to cast the club's two votes. This proxy will be turned in to receive the club ballots at the Credential Desk at the Conference. Please note, the club member must be present at the business meeting to cast the 2 votes for the club.

- **[Printable District 6 Proxy Form \(link to web-site\)](#)**

## **Congratulations! Education Awards**

### **2011-2012 Distinguished Toastmasters!**

**Gretchen Coons  
Marvel Eileen Kummer  
Janet L Betz  
Colleen Marie Johnson  
Roman Pundyk**

## **Education & Training**

Joan R Reed  
 Anne Groetsch  
 Karin M LaCanne  
 Amanda A Gondek  
 Clinton Hunt  
 Alexis M Todd  
 Joan R Watson  
 Anthony E. Scales  
 Oscar L. Wolske  
 Joseph E. Brauer  
 Jonathan W Goossen  
 Shannen M Clark  
 Dave A Basham  
 Shirley Hunt  
 Christopher M John  
 Margaret L Brunner

**2012-2013**

Richard T Andresen  
 Helen H Chen  
 Curt J Johnson  
 Kimberlee A Redington  
 Lisa Marie Burnside  
 Paul McNelly  
 Daryl R Henderson  
 Hugh Sherry  
 Kim L Windingland

**2011 - 2012 Triple Crown Awards**



**12**  
 Dave A Basham

**9**  
 Gretchen Coons  
 Kimberlee A Redington

**8**  
 Frederick A Domnick  
 Marvel Eileen Kummer

**7**  
 Margaret L Brunner  
 Faye Anne Hefele

**6**  
 Janet L Betz  
 Joseph E Brauer  
 Shannen M Clark  
 Jean Pearson  
 Brian A Rice

**5**  
 Helen H Chen  
 Jonathan W Goossen  
 Terry L Ragan

**4**  
 Richard T Andresen  
 Laura K Berscheit  
 Glen S De Guzman  
 Carol M Duling  
 Amanda A Gondek  
 Anne Groetsch  
 Brian J Hinton  
 Clinton Hunt  
 Christopher M John  
 Dru L Jorgensen  
 George Francis Kane  
 Nyasha Kanganga  
 Theresa A Kraft  
 Karin M LaCanne  
 Jean Ann McAllister  
 Betty Jo Olsen  
 Donald W Rollefson

**Sharon Rollefson**  
 Lt Governor,  
 Education & Training



**CALENDAR OF  
 EVENTS**

**Officer Training  
 Results**

Please check the Officer Training report to ensure your club officers received credit for attending training. We have a limited time to make corrections to the officers noted as trained! Contact me, Sharon, if adjustments or changes are needed for your clubs' report.  
[Officer Training Report](#)

**Area Governor Club Visits:**

Folks, please prepare your club for your Area Governor visit, welcome the Governors warmly for the wonderful work that they do for us, utilize their talents by giving them roles to play in the meetings, and allow time for the Area Governors to share their news, thoughts and comments with your club.

**Triple Crown pin**

I challenge all members to earn your Triple Crown pin by achieving 3+ educational awards this new Toastmaster year!  
 Each member - set your education and leadership goals, create a plan, and set milestone dates to complete your 3 goals by spring!

**Moments of Truth**

Clubs should conduct Moments of Truth program, decide on an action plan; but do not assign someone to do the work.  
 The club secretary or meeting scribe should publish the meeting minutes and work assignments.  
 Next step is to have the club president follow up at subsequent meeting to ensure tasks are completed.

**Membership - It Truly Has Its Rewards!**

Sign up 5 new members by September 30 and earn an education program such as [Moments of Truth](#) or [Evaluate to Motivate](#) for your club.

**Marketing**

Kenneth A Scribner  
 Hugh Sherry  
 Daniel D Vesey  
3  
 Mary Adams  
 Justin W Barber  
 Laurie L Buchberger  
 Diana E Budde  
 Jodi Lynn Burley  
 Kristine T Campbell  
 Catherine Cardenuto  
 Vicki L Chelf  
 Doreen L Dawson  
 Bob Dummer  
 Jeff Dunkel  
 Rosemary Evers  
 Matthew Fisher  
 Colbert Ho-Yin Fong  
 Helene Gagoud  
 Arlene B Gallegos  
 Mike J Ganyo  
 Aaron John Drey Gardner  
 Shirley Hunt  
 Curt J Johnson  
 Trishauna Johnson  
 Thomas G Joyal  
 Revathi Karthikeyan  
 Alva C Keogh  
 James Edward Kickul  
 Gary Paul Kivi  
 Nancy Knoth  
 Mark Kvidera  
 Paul Albert Leska  
 James D Miller  
 William A Moore  
 Victoria Z Nann  
 Jill Nauman  
 Brian K Perry  
 Roman Pundyk  
 Ravi K Rai  
 Jane R Rischmiller  
 Duane J Rivard  
 Devlin L Shaughnessy  
 Janice E Sullivan  
 Mary E Swanson  
 Alexis M Todd  
 Joel A Varichak  
 Joan R Watson  
 Jessica Lynn Zrust

### Phoenix Award - Club Coach

**66 Simply Spoken Toastmasters**  
**Dan Grundtner**  
**500 Club 500 - Debate**  
**Kimberlee A Redington**  
**981 Crest O'The Hill Toastmasters**  
**Ryan M Hove**

### 10 for 10 Clubs

#### Central Division

Money Talks  
 Talking Heads  
 Free Speakers

#### Eastern Division

St Paul Speakers Toastmasters  
 Wordsmiths Toastmasters

#### Frontier Division

First St Paul  
 Checkmasters  
 MNRPCV Toastmasters

#### Metro Division

Stagecoach Speakers Downtown Mpls



**Clinton Hunt,  
 Lt Governor, Marketing**

#### Welcome New Clubs

District 6 would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way with forming our newest clubs. Growing as a District is what will help us continue being successful and Distinguished. Is your club listed here? Be sure and get a [club website](#) set up so you can grow your club as well! If you have an idea or lead for a new club or want to help others as they charter, please contact Lt. Governor, Marketing.

#### Clubs: Show Off Your Brand

The first of six winners of the "Clubs: Show Off Your Brand!" contest will receive worldwide recognition this month! Take a photo of your club members with your newly branded Toastmasters materials and email the photo to [brand@toastmasters.org](mailto:brand@toastmasters.org) by the end of August for your chance to win. For more information, please visit [www.toastmasters.org/brandshowcase](http://www.toastmasters.org/brandshowcase).

#### Is Your Club Difficult to Find?

Help prospective members find your meeting by updating your [club information online](#). Confirm that your club's meeting location and contact information is current, and include a regularly monitored phone number and email address.

#### Smedley Contest:

##### Program Dates: August 1- September 30

In honor of Ralph Smedley, can your club add five new, dual or reinstated members between August 1 and September 30?

By doing so, you'll qualify to receive a "Smedley Award" ribbon to display on your club's banner. Membership applications and payment for members who join between August 1 and September 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than September 30. Each member's join date as listed on the application must be in August or September. Transfer and charter members do not count for credit. In addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs will also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order. Discount code expires six months from date of issue and is not valid with any other offer.

### Public Relations



**Diane Windingland  
 Public Relations  
 Officer**

### **Northern Division**

**Toast of the Towers Toastmasters  
Words-of-Mouth**

### **Prairie Division**

**Paul Bunyan Toastmasters  
West Central Toastmasters**

### **Rivers Division**

**Apple Valley  
Community Spirit Toastmasters  
Word Masters**

### **Southern Division**

**Hiawatha Valley  
Rochester Suburban**

### **Western Division**

**Carlsonics Toastmasters  
Marsh Winds Toastmasters  
PowerTalk Toastmasters**

## **Congratulations 2011 - 2012 Distinguished Clubs !**

### **President's Distinguished Clubs**

First St Paul Club  
Mankato Toastmasters Club  
Hiawatha Valley Club  
Midway Club  
King Of Clubs Club  
Antlers Toastmasters Club  
Paul Bunyan Toastmasters Club  
MIDDAY MUMBLERS CLUB  
MNRPCV Toastmasters Club  
Free Speakers  
Pacemasters Club  
High-Tech Talkers Club  
Land O'Lakes Buttermasters Club  
Thrivent Toastmasters Club  
Rochester Suburban Club  
Sunrisers Club  
Anoka Club  
Word Masters Club  
Woodwinds Club  
Converse All Stars Club  
Blues Communication Plus Club  
Voice of Leadership Club  
Roller Toasters Club  
Talking Heads Club  
One Voice Club  
The Southwest Tale Weavers  
Super Speakers Club  
Shock, Rhythm And Talk Toastmasters Club  
Tri-County Toastmasters  
West Central Toastmasters  
Happy Talkers Club  
Eagan Communicators Club  
St. Paul Speakers Toastmasters Club  
Chamber Toastmasters  
Apple Valley  
Carlsonics Toastmasters Club  
Stagecoach Speakers Downtown Mpls  
Community Spirit Toastmasters Club  
Freethought Toastmasters Club  
Marsh Winds Toastmasters Club  
Hudson Rise 'n Shine Toastmasters  
Southern Minnesota Mentors Club  
Lawson Thrill Speakers Club

## **Public Relations News**

You don't want to be on this list!

The first page of this spreadsheet is the list of open clubs that do not have a working website. The good news is that there has been a 20% improvement since the end of June. Keep up the good work! Your website is your 24/7 ambassador.

Do you have one? Is it up-to-date?

Web-sites that are open to the public must be up to date. Because of active publicity, potential guests are likely to check the club website. If the website link is not correct, clubs may be missing out on potential new members

Here is a link to the document that can be used to update website url at TI (about 2-3minutes)

[Update Web-site](#)

[27 Free or Low Cost Ways to Promote Your Club](#)

[Template to Create Your Own Toastmaster Testimonial Tract](#)

[Plan ahead for the Video and Public Relations Contests!](#)

[Facebook Fan?](#)

["Like" the District 6 Facebook Fan Page](#)

[Quick Links:](#)

How to get to the club business section of Toastmasters International:

<http://screencast.com/t/nTv8TihosnnH>

How to download contest materials from Toastmasters International:

<http://screencast.com/t/rHEfbFmU>

**Division Governor  
Best Practices  
Discourse**  
*based on Moments of Truth.....*

### **Colbert Fong - Northern Division**

#### **First Impression**

Our club has a Greeter to open the door for members and guests until 5 minutes after the meeting begins. The Greeter ushers guests and members into the meeting. We provide blank name tents, and ask guests to introduce themselves at the beginning of our meetings. Guest packets are available in either



electronic or hard copy format. The presiding officer invites guests to provide feedback to the club, invites them to return and join our club. We were able to attract over 8 new members in the 2011-2012 Toastmasters year.

#### **Membership Orientation**

Words-Of-Mouth Club  
 Checkmasters Club  
 Tuesday With Toastmasters Club  
 River Park Toastmasters Club  
 Saturday Morning Live Club  
 Noontime Expressions Toastmasters Club  
 Toast of the Towers Toastmasters Club  
 Westside Chats Club  
 Blue Toasters Club  
 Golden Toasters  
 Prime Timers  
 Oracle Toastmasters  
 Money Talks  
 Escalate  
 Crosstown Talkers  
 PowerTalk Toastmasters

**Select Distinguished Clubs**

Minneapolis Club  
 King Boreas Club  
 Crest O'The Hill Toastmasters Club  
 Nanabijou Club  
 Speakers Under Pressure  
 Mutual Voices Club  
 Positively Outspoken Club  
 Luncheon Linguists Club  
 Voices Of Ameriprise Financial  
 FRB \$peakea\$y Club  
 Toro Prose Toastmasters Club  
 XNSpeakers Club  
 Harborview Club  
 Whole Wheat Toastmasters Club  
 TicTalkers Toastmasters Club  
 Trane Hot Air Vents Club  
 Word Merchants Club  
 Allianz Toasters  
 Remarkables Toastmasters Club  
 Westerly Winds Toastmasters Club  
 Health Toasters Club  
 Stellar Speakers Toastmasters Club  
 Tri-Dynamics  
 ALLETE ""Power Cord"" Toastmasters  
 Deliver Under Pressure  
 Bright Monday  
 Medtox Talkmasters  
 Golden Toastmasters  
 Stagecoach Speakers NOC MPLS

**Distinguished Clubs**

Simply Spoken Toastmasters  
 Club 500 - Debate  
 Sound Bytes Toastmasters Club  
 Dan Patch Toastmasters Club  
 Metro Speak Easy Club  
 Speakeasy Club  
 Tonka Talkers  
 Mills Early Risers Club  
 Burlington Heritage Club  
 Riverbluffers Club  
 Mayo Hi-Nooners Club  
 Noontime Talkers Club  
 Mayo Daybreakers Club  
 Wind Chimes Club  
 Cargill Trademasters Club  
 Public Employees Club  
 Sea Speakers Club  
 Saint Cloud VA Club  
 Five Star Speakers Club  
 Brave Hearts  
 Better Speakers Bureau  
 Bullseye Toastmasters Club  
 On The Road Again  
 ITASCA Toastmasters Club  
 Uncle Wyatt's Toastmasters

Mentors are assigned and educational programs are discussed with new members. They are invited to participate in the meetings, assuming different meeting roles, and are asked to present their Ice Breaker speech. Many new members have completed 3 or more manual speeches and have participated in many different meeting roles. We also follow up with current members to track their progress in giving manual speeches and meeting roles needed for Competent Leader.

**Fellowship, Variety and Communication**

Members always try to chat with any guests before and after the meeting. Agendas are prepared ahead of the meeting and are distributed via e-mail. Our club has many members participating in the Area, Division and District events, club officers attended the TLI or other area level officers training. We help promote events for sister club (Stagecoach Speakers NOC Minneapolis), and we publish newsletters almost once a month.

**Glen De Guzman - Metro Division**

**First Impressions**

Meeting agendas are provided at every meeting. We also have a well designed website, regularly updated and maintained to keep our members informed and involved, attracting new members to our dynamic club.



**Multimedia Marketing Project - M3**

**Terrence Brown**

The Multimedia Marketing Project, also known as **M3**, is focused on membership, marketing and media. Our goal is to help every club achieve membership distinction with the ultimate goal of doubling membership across the district.



When new people encounter the Toastmasters club experience, a positive transformation occurs, and in some cases, lives are literally changed. This experience can be shared with more people than listed on your current club roster. In order to uncover the biggest obstacles and challenges that you face in reaching more people, filling every seat at every meeting, and maintaining a strong core membership group, we need to hear from you!

Over the next month M3 will release a district-wide survey, conclude its listening tour and brainstorming sessions, and introduce initiatives focused on four new Chamber of Commerce partnerships.

To complete everything required to assist clubs achieve membership distinction, we are asking for:

- Volunteers who can spare 1 - 5 hours this TI year to work on 30 minute tasks designed to aid club growth.
- A select group of clubs interested in piloting solutions to membership challenges.

Tech Masters-Twin Cities  
Pain Free MCS  
ALCO Orators  
Rock Solid  
Bloomin' Toasters  
The Electric G's  
Best Sight Speakers

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

[Click here to find out!](#)

If you are interested in volunteering or piloting solutions, please contact:

**M3 Project Manager, Terrence Brown**

**Website Editing and Support**

Are you interested in being on the editor team of the District Web-site D6tm.org?

Would you be willing to support clubs as they use freetoasthost2.0? A small team will provide phone support to help BP Public Relations update their clubs website.

**Details:** [D6tm.org](#)

**Contact:** [Dru Jorgensen](#)