



District 6 Toastmasters

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Key Dates

December 31

Officers Lists due for semiannual terms

December - February
[2nd Round Club Officer Training + TLIs](#)

December 17

[Holiday Potluck](#)

January 3, 4, 5

[Presentation Training](#)

January 14

[Train-the-Trainer](#)

January 28

[Winter Fun Day](#)

Getting Past "Crazy Busy"

In the last newsletter, I asked for members to share some tips for getting past busy and onto the important, especially in this hectic time of year, and specifically in Toastmasters.



Could one or more of these approaches help you?

- Steve Beaman--It's Not "Time Management." It's "Event Management."
- Randy Hochstein--Use a Toastmaster Journal and Focus on the Important
- Ray Young--Pick 3 Big Things a Day
- Phil Rodgers--Slow Down

Click [here](#) to read more about each tip!

"Your greatest danger is letting the urgent things crowd out the important."--Charles E. Hummel



Holiday Party invite

No, the Trio won't be in costume, but we are looking forward to enjoying your company at an informal holiday potluck, Saturday, December 17. Click [HERE](#) for details. Open to Toastmasters and their guests.

Presentation Workshops

Join District Director Diane Windingland as she shares top tips on speaking with confidence in one of three interactive sessions. In fact, invite your non-Toastmaster friends and co-workers, too, to one of these professional development sessions offered during working hours.

Speak with Confidence!



Presentation Training (FREE)
 3 Dates available: Jan 3, 4, 5

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to

register.

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District Director, District 6 (2016-2017)

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Quality Makes the Difference

Fall Conference - Looking Back at a Great Experience

Thanks to each who attended the Fall Conference in Duluth on November 11 & 12. It was a great conference, with entertaining speech contests, enlightening presentations, fantastic food, and plenty of fun. We learned to "Chart our Course" with Toastmasters, to "Navigate with Ethics and Integrity" from the members of North Star Toastmasters at FPC Duluth, and we met Shane Bauer, the executive director of Grandma's Marathon and our most recent Communication & Leadership (C&L) Award recipient. Below are just a few other highlights from the Fall Conference:



- **Conference Photos:** Hundreds of quality photos capturing the Fall Conference are available from [District 6's Flickr page](#). Several photo albums cover the conference events.



- **Speech Contests:** We were treated to two amazing speech contests at the conference. Congratulations to each contestant! Below are the results of the contests at the Fall Conference (for division results, see [Fall Speech Contest Results](#)):

Table Topics Contest:

1st Place: Dave Pearson

2nd Place: Nancy Zugschwert

3rd Place: Sarah Collins

Humorous Speech Contest:

1st Place: Dave Gibson

2nd Place: Eric Schurr

3rd Place: Michele Krenz

- **Education Sessions:** Thanks to each conference presenter for treating us to excellent sessions. Materials and related resources from the sessions can be found in the [Fall Conference Education Sessions page](#).

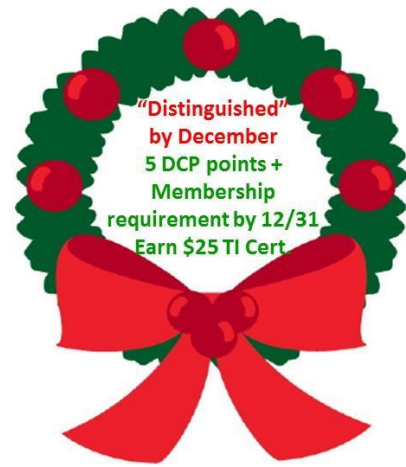
Please "save the date" for the Spring Conference, which will be held May 5-6, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth, Minnesota.

Redeeming TI Gift Certificates

This year, District 6 provides many ways to earn rewards in the form of TI gift certificates. If you received a TI gift certificate recently, or if you have one to redeem, [learn how to apply a TI gift certificate to an order](#). I hope this helps with the process.

Your Club Can Still Be "Distinguished by December"

There's still time in December for your club to achieve "Distinguished by December" recognition. To earn this honor and a \$25 TI gift certificate, by 12/31/2016 your club must achieve 5+ DCP Points and have enough members to qualify for Distinguished status (20 members or +5 members compared to the base membership on 7/1/2016). Rally your fellow members to complete DCP goals by submitting completed educational awards, adding new members through a holiday event, and having at least four officers trained by 12/31. With teamwork, this can certainly be achieved.



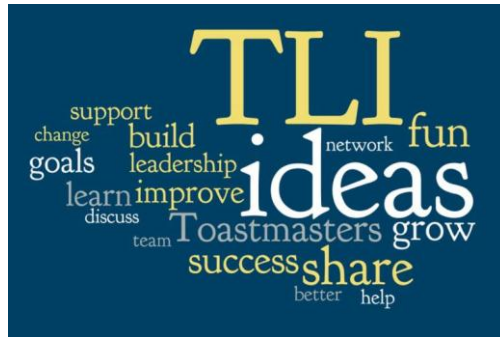
Note: If your club only needs to complete officer training to achieve enough DCP points for "Distinguished by December" requirements, and if a suitable training session isn't available in December, please email me at hosmundson@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Moments of Truth - Incentive Deadline Is January 31, 2017

Do you want your club and the member experience to improve? The [Moments of Truth](#) module allows members to give feedback and improve the club experience. Now is the time to conduct the Moments of Truth in your club. Send me a brief 1-2 page summary of your club's Moments of Truth findings and action plan by 1/31/2017 to receive a \$25 TI gift certificate. See the [Speak N' Eagan Club's MoT summary](#) for an example submission.

Divisional TLIs - Enhancing Your Toastmasters Experience

Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) events will be held through February 2017. TLIs are great opportunities for you to enhance your Toastmasters experience, learn, re-energize, and meet others. All members will benefit, and club officers receive training credit as well. The [District 6 Divisional TLI page](#) contains the list of upcoming TLIs, and more will be added soon.



Club Officer Training: December 2016 - February 2017

The second round of club officer training runs through February 28, 2017. This round emphasizes membership growth, mentoring, and discussion on specific challenges. Active, trained officers lead quality clubs. If you serve as a club officer, please attend a session to prepare you for the remainder of this program year. See [District 6's Officer Training page](#) for a list of upcoming sessions.

Recent Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) Achievements

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 the following members on achieving the Distinguished Toastmaster award:

- Ryan Hove
- Jill Nauman
- Mary Peters

Educational Achievements for 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 Crowns \(3 or more educational awards in the same program year\)](#)



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](#)

Happy Holidays to you and your family! Keep growing!

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Marketing Matters

Hello District 6!

We have exciting news to report this month!

First, an official welcome to our newest clubs:

TCF Free Toasters and Anemki Voices



Welcome to District 6!

Next, I'm excited to tell you about a new incentive program. In an effort to generate interest in Toastmasters among the younger generation, we are introducing an award called the Extraordinary Millennial Award.



There are two ways to win:

1. Recruit 5 new members into a club in the District between January 1 and June 30.
2. Help find and sponsor a new club that charters before June 30.

You can go [here](#) to find the specifics.

Don't forget to go to the [D6 Club Growth Director](#) YouTube



channel to watch real D6 Toastmasters share their story. Then share the channel with your network and invite them to your club.

Finally, stay tuned for details on the upcoming "Mailing Parties," where Toastmasters interested in being involved in building new clubs will be meeting to put together mailings to send to corporations that fit our criteria in the district.

Have a great holiday season!

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Public Relations

Happy Holidays,

In this article I address:

- Proclamations



- Booth use
- Successful print media
- Social media training
- Website Excellence Program (WEP)
- 2017 plan for Public Relations

Proclamations

We received a proclamation from the Governor of Minnesota that states, "I hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as Toastmasters Month." The proclamation was on display at the Fall Conference in Duluth. Mary Torno was instrumental in getting him to do that for us. Thank you, Mary.

Two other proclamations were on display at the District 6 Fall Conference. There were numerous other city proclamations around our District. Great job!

Booth Use

The booth is getting out and being used. Gopu Shrestha, Area 25 Director, used the booth at a large Nepalese gathering. He is quoted as saying, "We placed the Toastmasters booth at a Nepali Cultural Festival and received tremendous results. Over 250 community members were there, and we reached out to at least 150 of them. Having a huge booth definitely helped (the members) highlight Toastmasters to others." The ANMN Toastmasters Club is a brand new club of 20 members with 17 of them being brand new Toastmasters.



You too can use the booth for an event you are planning by going to the District website and filling in the request form. www.d6tm.org/district-banners

Successful Print Media

Longtime Toastmaster Rich Andresen was successful in getting the word out in print media in his local paper to promote a new satellite club in a neighboring town. Read all about it in the [online version](#). Thank you for sharing the success, Rich.

Snezhana Bessonov was able to snag nearly a full page article on his club in the *Woodbury Post Bulletin*. There is not an online version, but you can see how impressive it looks on our [District Facebook page](#). Thank you, Snezhana and Positively Outspoken TM club.

Social Media Training

Julie Bane conducted a social media training in Eden Prairie in November. There were a dozen Toastmasters in attendance. We learned the best way to get our club attention by using social media to reach our target audience. Julie will be offering the course again in 2017. Watch for announcements in upcoming District newsletters and on the District website. Thank you, Julie, for the training.

Website Excellence Program (WEP)

Has your club been working to improve your club website? If so, hooray for you! You can improve your club website by using the 10-point WEP guide. Once complete, you can submit your club website on the [WEP page](#) for review. Submissions are requested by February 1, 2017. Thank you, Ravi Rai, for taking on this program to improve our club websites.

2017 Plan for Public Relations

Many people make New Year's resolutions, and this might include overcoming a fear of public speaking.

Use the holiday time to plan your strategy to find new members before the end of this Toastmasters year on June 30, 2017. Open houses have been the most effective way I have seen in my many years to bring in guests. Having a quality meeting and FOOD at an open house is the ticket. Once it is set up, be sure to PUBLICIZE it! Need tips and resources? Visit the Public Relations page on the District 6 website or www.toastmasters.org.

Good luck, happy New Year, and happy hunting for new members.

Daniel Grundtner

Public Relations Manager, District 6, 2016-2017

Youth Leadership Program

Season's greetings, fellow Toastmasters!

How many Toastmasters does it take to heat up an icehouse? 3! One to be timer, one to count the crutch words, and one to answer a Table Topics question! But how many Toastmasters does it take to coordinate a Youth Leadership Program? JUST ONE!



Being a coordinator for a Youth Leadership Program is a rewarding experience for the Toastmaster as well as the young persons attending. Each session mimics the typical functions of a standard Toastmasters meeting agenda -- giving the students a positive and supportive environment to practice skills that aren't always a part of standard curriculum, which they need to foster success as adults.

Do you have to do it all yourself? NO!

If you are interested in sharing a Youth Leadership Program with a school or youth-related organization, reach out to me and let me share with you the tools that are needed -- and are already at your disposal. If you have filled the Toastmaster role and prepared the agenda for your club, or been a General Evaluator and coordinated the evaluation team at your usual club meeting, you have already done most of the work needed to coordinate a Youth Leadership Program! The best part is, as each week goes on, the program calls for the kids to take steps toward running different parts of the meetings themselves, which is showcased in the final session where the students can run a whole meeting on their own! You don't have to be a teacher, a parent, or even a DTM to know how to have a successful Youth Leadership Program! It is all laid out in the coordinator's guide for you.

In the spirit of giving, consider sharing your Toastmasters experience with a few youngsters in 2017!

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Call for 2017-2018 District Leaders



Fellow Toastmasters members,

It is time to start thinking about a leadership role for the 2017-2018 year.

If you are thinking about declaring your candidacy for one of the following roles - Division Director (10 positions), Club Growth Director (2 positions), Program Quality Director (2 positions), or District Director - you must declare your candidacy to the Leadership Committee Chair (Larry Marik) by **Thursday, December 15, 2016**.

For more information about the nominations for any of the above roles, please contact Larry Marik or visit the District 6 Nominations webpage at www.d6tm.org/call-for-nominations.

Larry Marik, DTM

Immediate Past District Director & Leadership Committee Chair

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Winter Festivities

District 6 Toastmasters,

Join us for some winter festivities, friendship, and fun!

What's on Vitalia's social agenda this time?



How about cookies, hot chocolate, and snow tubing! (Group rate: just \$19.00 per person includes cookie and hot chocolate)

Come play with us at Buck Hill Snow Tubing and Ski Resort

Saturday, January 28, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Come Join us for ALL or ANY PART of the day! See additional FUN "full day" activities outlined in the flyer!

[Winter Fun Day flyer](#)

Important: we need your RSVP to Vitalia Bryn-Pundyk, your District 6 Social Events Chair at vitalia@powertalkseminars.com or call (952) 221-1701 by December 25, 2016. Please

see the event flyer for all the details!

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Vitalia Bryn-Pundyk

Your District 6 Social Events Chair

Looking for Workshop Presenters

Is it time to challenge yourself by using your Toastmaster skills outside the club? District 6 and Executive Suites of Minnesota have arranged opportunities for Toastmasters to present 30 minute workshops outside of the Toastmasters experience. The workshops will be held over the lunch hour at two of Executive Suites offices located at the IDS Center in downtown Minneapolis and at the West End in St. Louis Park. Executive Suites are looking for a wide variety of presentations to benefit entrepreneurs who use their offices. If you are interested in being a speaker, please contact Sarah Bateman at sarah.bateman@vantage-inc.com

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