



District 6 Toastmasters

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Key Dates

June 1 - August 31

Club Officer Training

June 15

District Award
Nominations Deadline

June 30

Club Officer Lists Due

July 23

Toastmasters
Leadership Institute

From the District Director

Fellow District 6 Toastmasters,

We have just over 3 weeks left of this Toastmasters year. Now is the time to help your clubs finish strong before the end of the Toastmasters year on June 30.

Focus should be on getting in those educational awards and submitting your club officer lists. One thing that is just as important is membership! All clubs need a minimum of 20 members or a net gain of 5 members over the number of members on July 1, 2015.

We as a District are also working hard to finish strong. Our goal is to have Distinguished Toastmasters, Distinguished Areas, Distinguished Divisions, and in turn a Distinguished District!

We are roughly 734 membership payments short of our District goal. Taking into account members who will be joining new clubs, we still need roughly 500 members. If every club brings in 2 members (new members, graced members, or past members), our District would meet its goals - and the new members would make the clubs stronger!

Working together, we can have Distinguished clubs!

It is with great honor as well as great sadness that this is my last newsletter update as your District Director for District 6. I absolutely loved being your District Director this year! I strongly encourage all of you to go beyond your club by taking on a Director role (Area, Division, etc.) or being a chair at the District level. The experience is so rewarding and I see people grow so much by performing in those roles.

Thanks for a great year!

Larry Marik, DTM

District Director, District 6 (2015-2016)

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Lance Miller at TLI!

Join us at TLI on July 23.

The amazing Lance Miller, 2005 World Champion of Public Speaking, will be the keynote speaker.

(District 6: Serving parts of Minnesota and Ontario)

Program Quality Counts!

District Award Nominations Due June 15

At our July Toastmasters Leadership Institute we will be recognizing those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills. Please nominate people for the following awards by June 15:



- [Lou Novak Award](#) for club building
- [Don Murray Award](#) for significant contributions to the District while not serving as a District Officer.
- [Lorin Pollmann Award](#) for excellence in Speechcraft.
- [Keith Hardy Youth Leadership Award](#)

Will Your Club Be Distinguished?

The Distinguished Club Program is designed to "measure what matters." It's not perfect, but the goals of member achievement for communication and leadership awards (6 of the 10 goals), membership growth (for sustainability), club officer training (for quality service to members), and administrative goals (on-time dues and club officer list submission) are quality metrics for clubs. As of May 22, 72 clubs were already distinguished and many, many more are very close. You have until June 30. Will your club be Distinguished?

Club Officer Lists

By now your club should have held your elections for 2016-2017 club officers. Please make sure the list of club officers is submitted to Toastmasters International no later than June 30, 2016.

[Submitting Club Officer Lists How-to-Video](#)

[How to check if your club officer list has been submitted \(Video\)](#)

Club Officer Training June 1 - August 31

If you are a club officer, plan on attending a club officer training session (or the July 23 Toastmasters Leadership Institute) to learn how your club officer team can plan a successful year and how you can best perform your role in the club. Check our [club officer training page](#) for upcoming training sessions (more added soon!)

Train-the-Trainer

Get certified to train club officers!

Saturday June 25, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Supervalu Store Support Center, 11840 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

RSVP to District Administration Manager [Sandi Robarge](#)



Trainers who are also club officers will receive Club Officer Training credit.

International Convention - Roommate Needed?

If you are interested in sharing a room at the [International Convention](#) (8/17 - 8/20) , and need a roommate, contact Shirley Daniel (sladaniel@aol.com), who has volunteered to help match roommates.

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Program Quality Director, District 6, 2015-2016

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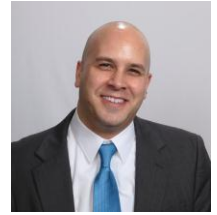
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Club & Membership Growth

Toastmasters on KARE 11

District 6 Toastmasters is advertising on KARE 11 in June. Check out the [10-second TV spot for Toastmasters](#). Share it with your family, friends, colleagues, and others through email and social media. For example, post the video to Facebook and ask "Did you see Toastmasters on KARE 11?" to spread the word and get the conversation started.



Never Give Up

June is the final month of the 2015-2016 program year. If your club hasn't yet reached its membership goal, don't give up. Search for new ways to accomplish the goal in the time remaining. This is an opportunity to exercise our creativity, determination, and persistence by never giving up. In doing so, we personally grow from this annual process. Never give up.

Membership Growth = Serving Others

Membership growth can be frustrating, but that's often the result of focusing on results rather than the process. People in our communities and organizations badly want and need what our clubs offer. Many are learning English, many nervously work with customers, and many just started a career or new position and feel they need help. When we focus and strive to help others with their challenges, then our clubs overflow with members. Changing our focus and intent brings out our best.

6 Steps to Build Membership in 1 Meeting

How can you add 5-10+ members to your club in just 1 meeting? Below are 6 steps:

1. Choose a fun, interesting, or educational meeting theme. Make each meeting an event that excites you and your members.
2. Provide food or have a potluck. Food always attracts a crowd.
3. Invite at least 2-3 times as many guests. If your club needs 5 members, invite at least 10-15 guests to the given meeting. It's critical to set invitation goals.
4. Provide a membership application (in a guest packet) to each guest before the meeting.
5. Allow 10 minutes at the end of the meeting to answer questions, and to complete applications and payment. Take the lead and guide each guest to join at the meeting.
6. Follow up with guests after the meeting, inviting them to join before the next meeting.

Add 5 new, dual, or reinstated members
in May and June

**Beat the
Clock!**



- ✓ Ribbon for your banner
- ✓ 10% off a Toastmaster order

Hold a membership drive • conduct an open house

Membership-Building Contest: Beat the Clock!

June is the final month of Toastmasters International's "Beat the Clock!" membership-building contest. This contest provides extra incentives for your club to add members by June 30. Use the ideas above to grow and win. Learn more by visiting the [Beat the Clock!](#) page.

Let's serve others and finish strong. Please contact me if there's anything I can do for you.

Keep growing!

Harold Osmundson, DTM

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A New Beginning (Again)



Hello, fellow Toastmasters. The time has finally come for me to pave the way for a new beginning with a new leadership. While it happens every year with a change in guard, it will be a special transition for me as I complete two years as Public Relations Manager. I would like to thank each of you for making this a wonderful journey as a district leader.

Many of you are going to be serving as officers for the first time - as a club officer or a district leader or a chair. I am sure you are filled with mixed emotions of excitement, nervousness, and perhaps feeling that you are overwhelmed. It was the same feeling when I became a club officer for the first time and later a district leader. It was the same feeling two years ago when I became Public Relations Manager. But there is a beauty in undertaking any journey.

Toastmasters is a wonderful example of how the work gets done through team help. I have found that I was never alone in whatever work I had to do. District 6 is filled with

people who are willing to help and make the year a memorable one for you.

Here are my hopes as you start a new journey through transition: May you have all the help available to you. May the path be lighted up with lamps of cheers and encouragement. May you always find a sense of satisfaction in the company of winners. May you have a wonderful Toastmasters year ahead of you.

Wishing you a wonderful new beginning (again).

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Save the Date!

On July 23, District 6 Toastmasters will gather together for inspiration, education, recognition, and fun at the 2016 District 6 summer TLI. The location is the DoubleTree Park Place, Minneapolis, MN.

Who should attend? **Everybody!** We're planning a wide range of excellent training courses again this year. **More information coming soon!**

We are excited to announce that Lance Miller, 2005 World Champion of Public Speaking, will once again be our keynote speaker.

TLI has the training needed to support you in helping your club and fellow members reach their potential.

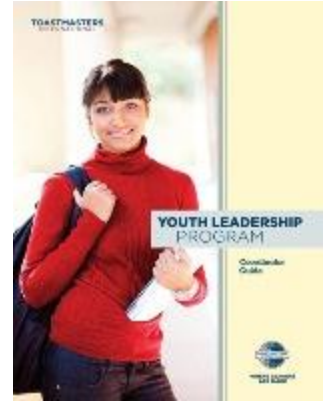
Attending the TLI will also satisfy the first round officer training requirement. With club officer elections happening soon, please also take this opportunity to encourage your newly elected leaders to attend!

Volunteers are needed to help us organize and plan the event. If you are interested in assisting in any capacity, including registration, videography, greeters, and setup, please contact either Joanna Carley joannamtoastmaster@gmail.com, or Cheryl Evans coachcherylevans@gmail.com. Thanks!

Youth Leadership Program

The current Toastmasters year is almost over, and a big thanks to the Toastmasters in District 6 who are helping our youths in developing their leadership and communication skills.

Kudos to the Storytellers Toastmasters club, in Thunder Bay, Ontario, for completing four Youth Leadership (YL) programs at the Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute. According to David Goldsworthy, at the last YL program there was a very large and enthusiastic group of over 20 students with an extremely wide range of confidence and public speaking experience. Also, all four YL programs were coordinated by Anna Chief and Debbie Cashmore, and big thanks go to them. I'm also looking forward to hearing what they will do in the 2016-2017 Toastmasters year.



Kudos also to the Rochester Chamber Toastmasters club, which has been working with the Alternative Leadership Center (ALC) in Rochester, Minnesota. Dave Hansen from the club shared that the speeches by the students at the ALC were about their political preference, fighting bullying, and mourning a friend's suicide, and every heart in the room was deeply moved! Also, check out the links to the ALC (https://tumblr.co/Zq-S_k25wsif7 and https://tumblr.co/Zq-S_k25bYk2X) for some of the YL articles.

Finally, I would like to make sure that every club who has done a YL program this Toastmasters year is recognized for working with our youths during the current Toastmasters year. Please email me the dates of the classes, number of kids, and their ages, along with the Toastmasters club name and the name of the coordinator for the YL program.

In service,

Mary Adams, DTM

District 6 Youth Leadership Chair 2015-2016

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Speechcraft

Club Updates

The King of Clubs Toastmasters has been teaching Speechcraft for a long time, and 214 students have graduated from the program. They had three students in the Spring class, and two became King of Clubs members. Experienced King of Clubs Toastmasters each presented a single Toastmasters session that was well received by Speechcraft students. They have already scheduled a Fall session beginning September 20. (Source: Duane Rivard.)

Sunrisers had three graduates who joined or are joining the club. A local newspaper ad was used toward recruiting. The grads/new members speak glowingly of the program and their club. (Source: Dwight Townes.)

Mai Lee Yang, Jim Carlson, Ravi Rai, and Sherab Tsomo of River Park held four varied Speechcraft programs over the last 12 months. A Speechcraft program has become part

of employee development self-improvement, where employees attend during work time and earn continuing education credit for their work. The fees are paid through the employee training budget of the Department of Revenue. One program was tailored to meet needs for those leading teams and making effective technical presentations. One program was attended by people who are long-term employees and consider public speaking an important part of their work. Another program was for members of the Tibetan Association of Minnesota. (Source: Ravi Rai.)

Requests for Assistance

A four-week Twin Cities Speechcraft is proposed to give job seekers exposure to Toastmasters and to help them with their elevator speeches and interview conversation skills. (Source: Judy Twisk.)

Janet Clarke is in charge of the Metro South Adult Basic Education and Community Education Center in Bloomington, which caters to people with disabilities. She would like a couple of volunteers from the South Metro clubs to help with Speechcraft in the September/October time frame. (Source: Brian Perry.)

Please contact the Speechcraft chair to help Judy or Brian with these non-club proposals.

Year-End Wrap-Up

Lorin Pollmann Speechcraft Award [applications](#) are due on June 15, 2016. The winning club will be announced at the July 23 Toastmasters Leadership Institute.

Congratulations to Sue Ann Rawlins, District 6 Speechcraft Chair for 2016-2017. Sue Ann is a member of Dan Patch Club, which had seven students for their Speechcraft.

I became acquainted with Speechcraft at my home club, Eloquent Engineers, which holds Speechcraft each year to give experienced Toastmasters mentorship opportunities and to get membership to 20. I enjoy pitching clubs with Speechcraft stories.

David Rasmussen, Speechcraft Chair

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