



# District 6 Toastmasters

## Where Leaders Are Made



### Key Dates

#### September 30

Club Dues  
Submission Deadline

#### September - October

Club, Area, Division  
[Speech Contests](#)

#### November 11-12

[Fall Conference](#),  
Duluth, MN

#### November 19

[Evaluation Workshop](#)  
(Stillwater)



### Fall Speech Contests

Digital contest kits are available free on the Toastmasters International website:

## Imagine ... Plan ... Execute ... Celebrate!

**Imagine** how you will feel achieving a new educational level by June 30, 2017, or of having your club, area, or division reach Distinguished status or better. Imagine the satisfaction of introducing someone to Toastmasters or of starting a new club.



**Plan** to achieve those goals, including target dates. Create "bite-size" steps along the way. Create an individual success plan. Create a club success plan.

**Execute the plan.** Start early. Make adjustments for the inevitable challenges.

**Celebrate.** Celebrate not only at the end but also along the way. Recognize a member for completing five speeches toward the Competent Communicator designation. Celebrate your club for being "Distinguished by December" or for completing the Moments of Truth. Enjoy the journey and plan a big celebration at the end.

Our district celebrated and was recognized for achieving Distinguished status at the International Convention in August as several of the District 6 members at the convention walked on stage. It was exciting and fun. Let's do it again!

[Humorous Speech Contest](#)

[Table Topics Speech Contest](#)



### International Convention Recap

- Members of the 2015-2016 team crossed the stage as a Distinguished District!
- The reformation of District 6 in 2018 was announced, with the southern portion of District 6 (divisions D, E, F, H, and J) keeping the District 6 designation and the northern portion of District 6 (divisions A, B, C, G, and I) to be designated as District 106.
- Our District 6 International Speech Contest winner, Kenny Ray Morgan, placed third in his semifinals round.



- World Champion of Public Speaking: Darren Tay Wen Jie of Singapore. Watch highlights of his speech ([video](#))
- Approximately 76% of District 6 clubs assigned proxies to carry votes at the business meeting (well above the average of other districts). Thank you to Mary Swanson, our Proxy Chair, for working diligently to encourage clubs to assign proxies!
- 2016-2017 Toastmasters International President: Mike Storkey (Mike spoke at our 2014 Fall Conference).
- 2016-2018 Region 4 International Director: Monique Levesque-Pharoah, replacing Joan Watson, who completed her two-year term.
- There are 345,000 Toastmasters in 142 countries!
- Both proposals A and B passed by a large majority (proposal A allows TI to move the location of headquarters from California. Sites in Denver, CO, are being considered. Proposal B allowed the TI audit committee to be a standing committee).
- Fall Conferences as we now call them are planned to be eliminated beginning with Fall 2018 so that district resources may be more mission-focused and provide more value to the member. There may still be a fall event with speech contests and educational programs, but it won't be called a "Fall Conference."
- Club officer roles are being assessed to consider how they can better support club quality and success. Additionally, district-level leadership roles are also being assessed, and additional roles may be created.
- The International Speech Contest may have regional quarterfinals, possibly via video.

### **Dues are Due September 30**

Club treasurers: Plan on collecting dues and submitting at least eight member payments for your club by 9/30 to receive Distinguished Club Program credit. TI semi-annual dues are now \$45. Beginning with this round of dues, there will be no grace period, which will affect speech contestant eligibility at the October speech contests.

### **Diane Windingland, DTM**

District Director, District 6 (2016-2017)

#### **Toastmasters International**

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[www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)

[www.d6tm.org](http://www.d6tm.org)

(District 6: Serving parts of Minnesota and Ontario)

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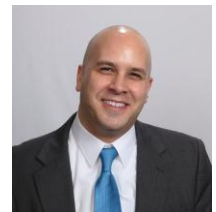
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## **Quality Makes the Difference**

### **Save the Date to Chart Your Course at the Fall Conference!**

The District 6 Fall Conference will be held in Duluth on November 11-12. At the Fall Conference, you'll meet many other members, watch and learn from the finalists in the Table Topics and Humorous Speech contests, gain knowledge from the educational sessions, and also enjoy beautiful Duluth. Please save the date and plan to attend. See the [District 6 Fall Conference page](#) for additional information.



### **5 Ways to Win & Reduce Club-Specific Dues**

Beyond the Toastmasters International (TI) dues, clubs often collect \$1+ per month to cover TI orders for club materials. To reduce club-specific dues by 50% or more, earn rewards through District 6's programs. Below are 5 ways to gain \$25-150 in TI gift certificates and improve quality:

1. **Craft a Club Success Plan (\$25):** Engage your members in the club's success. Complete the [Club Success Plan](#) and send it to me by September 30 to earn a \$25 TI gift certificate.
2. **Conduct a Moments of Truth Session (\$25):** The [Moments of Truth](#) module is an excellent way for members to give feedback and improve the 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.
3. **Win the Smedley Award (\$50):** Add 5+ new, dual, or reinstated members with join dates between 8/1/2016 and 9/30/2016 and your club wins a \$50 TI gift certificate. There's still time to win.
4. **Be "Distinguished by December" (\$25):** Get ahead of the DCP game by being Distinguished by December. 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).
5. **Win the Talk Up Toastmasters! Award (\$25):** Add 5+ new, dual, or reinstated members with join dates between 2/1/2017 and 3/31/2017 and your club gains a \$25 TI gift certificate.

For a list of all club incentives, see the [2016-2017 Club Incentives guide](#).

#### **Club Officer Training - Round 2 Train-the-Trainer Session on October 15**

The second round of club officer training runs from 12/1/2016 to 2/28/2017. Since the second round's content is different, all trainers must attend a Round 2 Train-the-Trainer session. The first Round 2 Train-the-Trainer session will be held 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, in Eden Prairie. Please contact me for details and to RSVP.

#### **Raise Your Speaking Skills Through the Fall Speech Contests**

Did you join Toastmasters to develop your speaking skills? Speech contests give you that opportunity. Area speech contests start this month. The contests will be Table Topics and Humorous Speech:

- The Table Topics contest involves a 1-2 minute response to a topic/question that's unknown to the contestant until he/she is introduced.
- The Humorous Speech contest involves a 5-7 minute speech whose purpose is to entertain (while also being thematic and avoiding potentially objectionable material).

Take a chance and compete in your club's speech contests and beyond. If you aren't sure when your area speech contest is, please contact your Area Director. See the [District 6 Speech Contests page](#) for contest dates and information.

#### **Interactive Evaluation Workshop - November 19**

Evaluation is essential to the Toastmasters educational program and strong clubs. To help members strengthen evaluation skills, District 6 will hold an additional evaluation workshop on the morning of Saturday, November 19, in Oak Park Heights (near Stillwater). To learn more and register, please visit the [workshop's Eventbrite page](#).

#### **Recent Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) Achievements**

The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award is the highest honor in the Toastmasters educational program. This award requires at least 45 speeches, 6 months of club leadership, 1 year of district leadership, club building, mentoring, and other activities. Congratulations to the following members on





achieving the Distinguished Toastmaster award:

- Jon Perry
- Ravi Rai
- Samar Upadhyay

#### **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 \(3 or more educational awards in the same program year\)](#)

Hope to see you at an upcoming speech contest. Keep growing!

#### **Harold Osmundson, DTM**

Program Quality Director, District 6  
Toastmasters International

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## **Marketing Matters**

Hello, District 6!

There's so much I'm excited to tell you about!

First, if you haven't already, take a look at this month's [Membership Minute](#). It covers:

1. The Smedley Award - **only a few days left!**
2. Dues increase
3. No grace period



Add 5 or more new, reinstated or dual members by Sept. 30 and get a \$50 gift certificate to the Toastmasters International Store! Plus, 10% off and a ribbon for your banner!

The Ralph Smedley Award



Second, Share Your Story/Ask Me About Toastmasters goes LIVE on Monday, September 19! These are *your* stories that we recorded at the TLI in July. You can view Share Your Stories starting September 19 on [YouTube](#).

Third, did you see our Toastmasters ads run on KARE 11? See them here: [Alex](#), [Christina](#), [Danika](#), and [Keith](#).

Fourth, have you seen our Toastmasters billboards?

**Pump up your career skills.**

▶ Join a club! [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org)

**Overcome your fear of public speaking.**

▶ Join a club! [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org)

**Pump up your career skills.**

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You can see the billboards on the following roads during these weeks:

- **9/5-9/11:** I-494 & 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S, I-394 & Hwy 169, Hwy 52 & Wentworth Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> St S & Hennepin Ave S
- **9/12-9/18:** Hwy 77 & Hwy 13, I-694 & Lexington Ave, I-94 & Broadway Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> St & Hennepin Ave, I-35W & Hwy 10
- **9/19-9/25 (tentative):** I-494 & 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S, I-394 & Hwy 169, I-94 & 41<sup>st</sup> Ave N, Hennepin Ave & 7<sup>th</sup> St S, Hwy 7 & Hwy 101
- **9/26-10/2 (tentative):** I-494 & Pilot Knob Rd, I-394 & Hwy 169, 6<sup>th</sup> St & 41<sup>st</sup> Ave N, I-35W & Stinson Blvd, I-35W & Co Rd 10

Finally, listen to KDWB during the weeks of 9/19 and 9/26 to hear our Toastmasters spots!

**Ben Smith, DTM**

Club Growth Director, District 6

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### **Membership-Building Tips from Lance Miller**

If you missed the call last night, you can listen to the recording!

Click [here](#) for the call replay information and a summary of Lance's membership tips.



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### Connect, Share, and Learn

Join D6 Facebook groups  
[District 6 Facebook Group](#)

Club Office-specific groups: [Pres](#), [VPE](#), [VPM](#), [VPPR](#), [Sec](#),  
[Treas](#), [SAA](#)



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### Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, September 17!

There will be a workshop on "How to Promote Your Toastmasters Club" from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Supervalu Store Support Center in Eden Prairie. Registration will open at 12:30 p.m.

This FREE session is open to all Toastmasters.

Address: 11840 Valley View Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

To RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/toastmasters-how-to-promote-your-club-tickets-27621358226>

Sincerely,

Mary Swanson, DTM



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## Public Relations

I hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays! In this letter I will cover:

- Toastmasters booth
- State Fair success
- Interview with Kenny Ray Morgan



### **Toastmasters Booth**

The District 6 booth is getting some use! It has been downtown Minneapolis and at the State Fair. Kevin Miller, a Club Coach, used the booth at the Xcel Energy Knowledge Fair. He said: *"Our event was a great success! The booth gave us a classy presence. We got 25 people to express interest. We're having an open house meeting in September."*

You can reserve the booth and a banner on our District website under the Resource heading or go directly there using [www.d6tm.org/district-banners](http://www.d6tm.org/district-banners).

### **State Fair Success**

Toastmasters spread the word at the Minnesota State Fair once again, but this time on the Front Porch stage in front of the 4H building. Eleven Toastmasters gave their best presentations for an audience of people sitting in rocking chairs, others walking by staring, and some pretending not to notice.

"Toastmasters on Stage" was led by Don Mathews, who served as the Toastmaster. Don was quoted as saying, *"I want to thank all the speakers who came out to speak at the State Fair (plus Dave Gibson, Barry Peterson, and Duane Rivard) on Monday! I think the program went as well it could go, having never done this before, and having to put it together within a 2 week time period. The best reward of all is that TPT (Twin Cities PBS) has asked us to come back next year, and they are very enthusiastic about what we can do."*

We thank you, Don, and look forward to next year.

If you would like read more, you can go to [www.d6tm.org/toastmasters-at-the-state-fair-829](http://www.d6tm.org/toastmasters-at-the-state-fair-829).

### **Interview with Kenny Ray Morgan**

While our District 6 International Contest winner was waiting to go to Washington D.C., he was interviewed by John Gross, a professional television interviewer for 33 years. Kenny Ray went to represent District 6 at the International Convention this past August. John gave him the opportunity to talk about his experience in Toastmasters and how it has helped in preparing a speech, running a meeting, Table Topics, evaluations - and, of course, competing in speech contests.

See part 1 & part 2 of the interview on YouTube at:

Part 1. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt5yDbIus3U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt5yDbIus3U)

Part 2. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u\\_TCSMkGyc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u_TCSMkGyc)

### **Daniel Grundtner, DTM**

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## Youth Leadership Program

Have you heard about the Youth Leadership Program summer success story accomplished by Riverbluffers Toastmasters Club 2426 of Inver Grove Heights? Have you seen it? Watch the video that was made by their community cable outlet, Town Square TV!

<https://vimeo.com/176351209>



Kudos for all the hard work the Riverbluffers did! Club Secretary Ann Young promoted this project as the most rewarding experience she has had as a Toastmaster! Thanks also goes to Mary Adams, immediate past YLP Chairperson, for helping with materials and the support she provided!

If anyone is interested in the possibility of having a Youth Leadership Program hosted by your club, please reach out to me at any time. I would love to visit your club and share the benefits we all can receive from coordinating a Youth Leadership Program. I will share all the tools you need and support the process as much as you'd like! Contact me via email at [raymondmyoung3@gmail.com](mailto:raymondmyoung3@gmail.com), and I can come visit your club or meet with you to answer your questions.

Toastmasters: "Where leaders (*of all ages*) are made!"

### **Ray Young III, ACB, ALB**

Youth Leadership Program Chair 2016-2017

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## **Has Someone Helped You to Be a Better Toastmaster?**

If your answer is "yes," nominate that person for District 6 Mentor of the Month.

Send a picture of the two of you (a selfie would work) and a short description of how this person has helped you to Sharon Rollefson, DTM, [rollefsldw@msn.com](mailto:rollefsldw@msn.com).

Look for your nomination as the District 6 Mentor of the Month!

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## **Fall Business Meeting**

The District Fall Conference will be held on November 11-12 in Duluth. On Saturday, November 12, late morning (exact time has not yet been determined), the fall business meeting will be held. The location will be:

Holiday Inn  
200 W 1st St  
Duluth, MN 55802

One key part of the convention is the semi-annual business meeting.

Each club has two votes, typically carried by the President and the Vice President of Education. If only one of these two officers attends the business meeting, he or she may carry the vote for the other, with no proxy needed. If neither can attend, then another club

member can carry the two votes, as long as a signed [District Council Proxy Form](#) (signed by the president or VPE) is presented to the credentials desk prior to the start of the business meeting. Certain district leaders also carry a vote, which they can carry in addition to any club votes. District leaders may carry up to three votes; other members may carry up to two votes.

[Click HERE](#) for more information.

If you have *any* questions about the business meeting ballot, proxy, or credentialing process, feel free to contact me at [swansonmej@gmail.com](mailto:swansonmej@gmail.com) or call 507-649-1879 cell.

See you in Duluth!

Sincerely,

Mary Swanson, DTM  
2016-2017 District 6 Proxy Chair

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