

1961 -- 1962

**EDWARD M. THIELEN**

(Cosmopolitan #515)



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**Area 12 -- Les Bongaard, St. Paul**

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"THIRTY AND FOUR"

Thirty and four, and then some more was the theme of Ed Thielen's administration. The thirty and four referred to full membership in each club, with at least four associate members. A special program was conducted by Club Extension Chairman Bob Tokar in connection with this. The progress of each club was recorded on a chart displayed at the meetings of the District Executive Committee. Each club's membership was shown on the chart, and those clubs who reached the goal carried a gold star by their club name. Those clubs whose membership fell below a certain point were noted with a red dot on the chart, and the Area Governor was notified that the club needed assistance.

The number of areas was increased to 20, with the objective of having maximum of six clubs in each area. An expanded directory, depictive of the new organization was published, and was used in part, as promotional material for the 1962 International Convention.

The 1961 International Convention was another significant event for District Six. Two of its members were elected to high office in Toastmasters. Herman E. Hoche of Gopher #183 was elected International President, and Alex P. Smekta, Rochester #271, was elected Second Vice President. Advance publicity for the next year's convention was a principal activity of those who attended the convention.

The new International President was retired after 30 years of service with the United States Navy. He had been aboard the U.S.S. Nevada at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941. He received a commission as a Medical Department administrative officer in 1943. As an officer, he served in all grades from ensign to commander in the Medical Service Corps. Returning to Minneapolis in 1960, upon his retirement, he joined the firm of James A. Hamilton Associates, and also accepted a faculty appointment at the University of Minnesota, Program in Hospital Administration. While in the service, he earned his master's degree in Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota, and a master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard.

Herman Hoche joined Toastmasters in San Diego, California, in 1948. He held memberships in clubs in California, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Maryland. He was a contestant in the 1949 International Speech Contest and placed third. Herman was a participant in the 1950 speech contest of District Six, and a member of Gopher #183 at the time. He chose as his theme for the year, "Make Membership More Meaningful." A series of articles in the Toastmaster during the year unfolded the goals behind the theme. During the course of his passing through the chairs of office, he served as Governor of District 36.

A successful Fall Conference was conducted in Rochester on October 21, 1961. The conference featured the three top international officers, a first in the entire organization. In addition to President Hoche, and Second Vice President Smekta, Senior Vice President Frank Spangler from Milwaukee visited the conference. President Hoche was the main speaker at the banquet in the evening.

The educational sessions took on a new look in training club officers. The session leaders examined the club from a committee viewpoint. The duties and functions of each committee were outlined, and their importance stressed. Guidelines for obtaining new members and in motivating existing memberships were presented. A demonstration of Speechcraft in action was presented. The ladies had a special luncheon of their own. The Rochester Male Choir provided entertainment at the evening banquet.

Meetings of the District Executive Committee were held at a new home, the Edgewater Inn. Plans were revealed for the construction of the World Headquarters building in Santa Ana. District Six clubs and members took the lead in contributing to the building fund as a memorial to Past International President Carleton P. "Cap" Sias. Cap had been a pioneer in District Six, served as first governor of District 19, and was International President in 1951-52. He passed on to his maker in 1960.

During the year, Governor Thielen started a "Governor's Letter", which he issued periodically to the officers of District Six, and to the clubs. This letter was used in place of a monthly educational bulletin, which had been started by Jack Pelinka.

Club Achievement was revised and selection of a "Club of the Year" in District Six began. This achievement grew out of 13 years of research in the feasibility of such an award. Previous administrations had used the committee to assist the clubs interested in the International recognition. Standards and guidelines were formulated for the purposes of placing each club in competition at the Area and District level. The Spring Conference banquet presented the first award to the Einar Lauley Toastmasters #1250 of Virginia. A traveling trophy, which has become a symbol of achievement for clubs of District Six, was started. It rotates among the top club in District Six each year.

In addition to a club of the year award, a determination was made that District Six should select an outstanding Area Governor annually, as well. The task of selection was placed in the hands of the Club Achievement Chairman, and the program was launched successfully. First recipient of the Area Governor of the Year award was Jack Scott, Area Four Governor and member of the Forty-Niners Toastmasters Club No. 560.

Toastmaster Glen V. Hoople of Central Lutheran #2075 was the first toastmaster in the organization to complete the Toastmasters Reading Plan. He received the award at the Area 1 Speech Contest, February 12, 1962. President Hoche presented the commendation.

The 1962 Spring Conference was conducted at the Hotel St. Paul in that city on April 28, 1962. Winner of the District Speech Contest was Elmer Kempainen of the Five Hundred Club No. 500, and a Past Area Governor. He was successful in winning the Zone contest also, and participated in the Region IV contest at the International Convention.

A major activity which spills over two administrations was the planning for the 1962 International Convention in the Twin Cities. Past International Director Helge G. Olson was named General Convention Chairman. Assisting him in the planning of the convention were Jack Pelinka, Minneapolis Vice Chairman, and Tracy Jeffers, St. Paul Vice Chairman. Nine committees were set up to plan the local activities, facilities, and coordinate the education program with World Headquarters. The committees set up and their chairmen are as follows:

Entertainment: Warren K. Wildasin  
Finance: Kenneth H. Fredericksen  
Hospitality: Jack Scott  
Ladies Activities: Robert D. Tokar  
Public Relations: Reid T. Burns  
House: A. M. Herriges  
Transportation: Bernard L. Szymczak  
Program: Tony Benkusky  
Advisory: Emil H. Nelson  
Recording Secretary: Orville E. Meland

Five new clubs were welcomed to District Six. Two of these clubs were in Rochester, Suburban #1883, and High Noon #2676. The Minneapolis Board of Realtors helped to organize a new club in that city, Realtors #2512. Recognition was given for this accomplishment in the publication of the sponsoring organization. Lee Doucette, later an officer of District Six, was serving as Executive Secretary of the Minneapolis Board of Realtors, and wrote the article. Some of his points in the article will be of interest to the readers:

"The one nice thing about Toastmasters, as far as the Board Executive is concerned, is that a club is independent from other Board activities. A treasurer is elected and he is responsible for dues and paying the club's bills. A secretary is elected and he is responsible for minutes. The only item our Board gives is moral support and the use of mimeograph machine, envelopes, etc., for mailing the monthly local Toastmaster publication.

"The enthusiasm generated at this time of the morning is tremendous. The club membership has a good cross section of salespeople, managers, and owners, and it is open to outsiders.

The most successful undertaking of the 1961 Salesman's Advisory Committee of the Minneapolis Board of Realtors was the formation of a Toastmasters club. As Toastmasters International states, 'Toastmasters is more than a club--it's an Education', which speaks for itself."

In addition, the article warned of dangers in "captive" clubs, and steps were taken to insure that this would not be a detriment to the club's success. Truly, this article is a fitting tribute to Toastmasters.

Hoyt Lakes was a new community to receive a club. The East Range Toastmasters were chartered in that community on October 26, 1961. South St. Paul welcomed Viking Club #591 on April 27, 1962.

The year was completed with 108 clubs, an all-time high in District Six. The thirty-and-four program was a success, as all existing clubs were able to remain operational.

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(Greysolon #217)



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## PARTICIPATION -- THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The above slogan was adopted by Governor Bjarne Buan for use during the year 1962-63. The message was first used at the occasion of the pre-planning for the 1962 Fall Conference, held in Duluth. The value of personal satisfaction to be gained from involvement was equated in this slogan. Benefits were stressed from the level of club member to district officer in this concept. The equation called for greater participation is proportionate to greater success and personal satisfaction.

Beyond a doubt, the most significant event of 1962-63 happened during the early months of Governor Buan's administration. The 1962 International Convention was held in Minneapolis on August 9-11. As mentioned in the previous administration, some planning was taking place. The consummation of the months of work involved belongs, however, to this administration.

To publicize the convention in advance, a core area was selected for the biggest publicity campaign. This area included Districts 6, 8, 11, 19, 20, 22, 24, 30, 35, 41, 42, 54, 60, 62, and 64. Geographically, this territory extended from the Dakotas to Indiana and Michigan, and from Manitoba to Missouri. A special emphasis was given in these districts on attendance, due to geographic contiguency.

Advance publicity was covered in the May, June, and July 1962 issues of the Toastmaster. July 1962 featured St. Paul as "Toastmasters Town of the Month." Similar honors were conferred on Minneapolis in the August issue. The Minneapolis Tribune gave front-page coverage to the convention on its opening day. Numerous other publicity items were given prime space in newspapers of both cities.

For those who are not familiar with an International Convention, the procedure is to start on Wednesday and conclude on Saturday. Wednesday's activities are devoted to educational sessions and training for district officers. The formal convention opening has been held in recent years on Thursday morning. Thursday and Friday sessions include the business meeting, and numerous educational sessions which can be enjoyed by any club member. An International Night is an annual feature, and its activities are coordinated by the Host District. A social event, the program is depictive of the local surroundings of the convention. An installation of officers ceremony is conducted at the President's Dinner-Dance, held on Friday evening. The International Speech Contest is a Saturday event. Through 1963, a Breakfast with the Founder was part of the Saturday agenda, at which time, the Beyond Basic Training certificates were presented by Dr. Smedley. Since his passing, the recognition program and the speech contest have been combined into an Honors Brunch.

At the Pre-Convention reception held Wednesday evening, the civic leaders of Minneapolis made an appearance. An official welcome from Minneapolis Mayor Arthur H. Naftalin started the festivities. The Commodore and the Queen of the Lakes of the Minneapolis Aquatennial attended.

The formal convention opening was an impressive ceremony. The Twin Cities Naval Air Station presented the color guard. Greetings to the delegates were expressed by District Governor Buan. An address of welcome to Minnesota was given by the Honorable Elmer L. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota. A presentation, "Viking of the North" was given by

Raymond D. Anderson, a member of Viking Toastmasters #591 of South St. Paul.

International Night was a pop concert and ice review held at the St. Paul auditorium. The music was provided by the St. Paul Civic Orchestra, and the skating by the St. Paul Figure Skating Club. Narrator of the program was Lieutenant Governor Warren K. Wildasin.

A fellowship luncheon was conducted on Friday. Bob Montgomery, a member of the Christopher Club #958 served as Toastmaster. Main speaker of the meeting was William S. Howell, Associate Chairman of the Department of Speech and Theatre Arts at the University of Minnesota.

Newly elected Senior Vice President Alex Smekta served as Toastmaster of the International Speech Contest. The efforts of the Host District Committees proved successful in conducting a memorable convention.

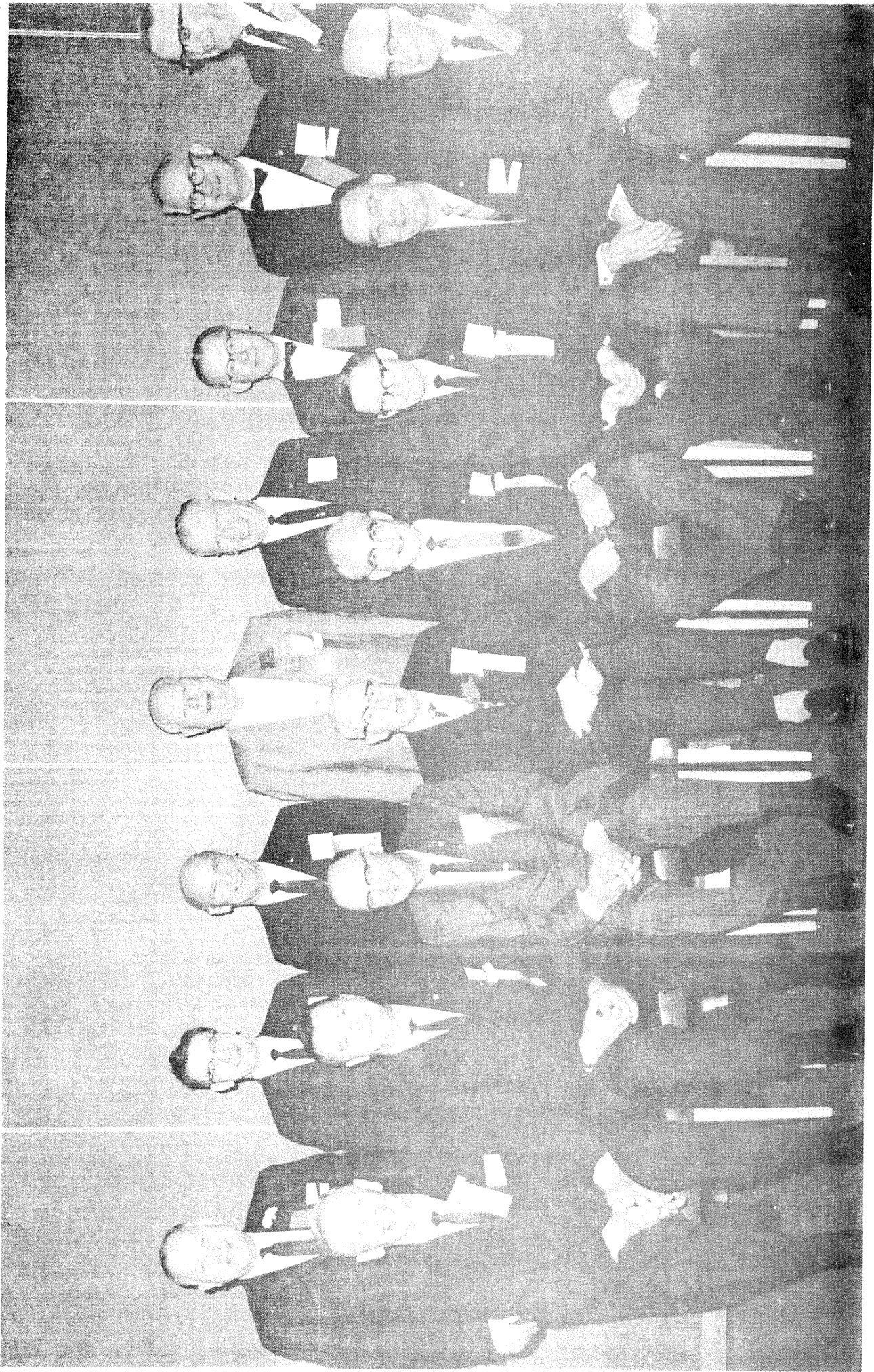
The Fall Conference, held in Duluth, October 27, 1962, featured an outside speaker for the first time. Dr. E. Jerry Walker, an internationally known lecturer and author of several books, was the speaker. He was chosen "Man of the Year in Religion" in Chicago in 1961. He presented a humorous and educational message, entitled, "For the Love of Mike." A dance followed the evening banquet.

The Spring Conference was concluded April 27, 1963, at the Raddison Hotel in Minneapolis. Past District Governor Norval A. Anderson was nominated by the District Council to be a candidate for International Director at the 1963 International Convention at St. Louis. Awards were presented to Dan Patch Toastmasters #1280 as Club of the Year, and to John Cummings, Area 5 Governor, and member of Pony Expressers #3168 as Area Governor of the Year. Bob Montgomery of Christopher #958 was the District Speech Contest winner.

The Past District Governors organized a club for the purposes of fellowship and continued interest and service to District Six. Their services have always been available in an advisory capacity to the officers of the district. Their first election of officers chose Harry W. Mattison as President, Tracy Jeffers as Vice-President, and Max Perras as Secretary-Treasurer.

An adjustment in the number of clubs in District Six occurred during the year. Five new clubs were chartered, but seven existing clubs were unable to overcome handicaps, and this caused them to be abandoned. New clubs were all organized in the Twin Cities. They were: Scottish Rite #943; Whirlpool #2401, Minnehaha #2563; Christian #3539; and Centennial #3580.

The clubs which were unable to remain operative: Minnesota #166; Highway #943; Tonka Toasters #1281; Naval Air Station #2090; Twin City Retail Druggists #2401; North Shore #2409; and Buffalo #2563.



Past District Governors organize a club. Standing, left to right: Alex Smekta (1954-55); Ed Thielen (1961-62); George Conrad (1947-48); Herman Goebel (1953-54); Ed Brown (1956-57); Emil Nelson (1951-52); Lee Tallman (1952-53); Alton C. Clark (1958-59). Seated, left to right: Helge G. Olson (1955-56); Jack Pelinka (1960-61); Tracy Jeffers (1945-46); Harry W. Mattison (1938-40); Max Perras (1959-60); Herman E. Hoche, Past International President; George Knowles (1940-41).

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STANLEY I. DICKINSON

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## ROCHESTER'S GOLDEN DAYS

The year 1963-64 was especially meaningful for the city of Rochester, and for its Toastmasters clubs. Stan Dickinson served as Governor of District Six, a member of Zumbro Valley Toastmasters #1013. Alex Smekta, Mayor of Rochester and member of Rochester #271, was elected President of Toastmasters International at the 1963 International Convention at St. Louis. These men brought honor to their community.

Revision and expansion of the District Directory and Yearbook was a major accomplishment of Governor Dickinson's administration. Before this year, the directory was distributed only to members of the Executive Committee. For the first time, a copy was mailed to every Toastmaster of record in District Six. Its physical size was reduced to facilitate carrying in one's coat pocket. Pictures of the members of the Executive Committee were included. The calendar of the district, a brief summary of the history of District Six, and numerous other items of interest were included. Recognition was given to the winners of the Speech Contest and the club and area governor achievement contests of the previous year. The format used for 1963-64 has been followed since.

Some of the areas were renumbered to facilitate geographic consistency. Area 20 became Area 16; Area 16 became Area 19; and Area 19 became Area 20.

At the St. Louis convention, in addition to Alex Smekta being elected President of T.M.I., Norval Anderson was elected to the Board of Directors. Early in the fall, Past International President Ted Blanding, who had served on the staff of the Home Office for 13 years, passed away. Appropriate expressions of sympathy were given to his family from District Six.

Past District Governor Ed Thielen assumed responsibility for the District Telephone. Our new number became FEderal 8-0629.

The 1963 Fall Conference was conducted in St. Paul on October 19. Governor Karl F. Rolvaag of Minnesota proclaimed the week of October 13-19 as Toastmasters Week in Minnesota.

Members of District Six and all of Toastmasters were saddened and shocked at the sudden passing of Past International President Herman E. Hoche on September 21, 1963. A committee consisting of Area 1 Governor Mark Holmes, Past International President Harry W. Mattison, and Past International Treasurer Tracy Jeffers was appointed to start a memorial. Mr. Hoche had been recognized by numerous professional societies with which he was associated, and was listed in the 1964 edition of Who's Who in America.

The mileage reimbursement for out-state members of the District Executive Committee was increased from four to five cents per mile. The District Governor was given the power to appoint members to the Elections Committee from Toastmasters at large. Having used the Area Governors in the past as the members, the larger number of them made a change necessary.

The District Educational Bulletin continued to be published along with the Big Six Digest. The "Governor's Letter", started by Ed Thielen, was included in the educational bulletin.



Rochester was host city to the 1964 Spring Conference on April 11. Governor Dickinson became the first member of District Six to receive the WCCO Good Neighbor award. In addition, he was named Honorary Mayor of Rochester. Awards were one of the highlights of this conference. Lakehead Toastmasters #2003 of Fort William, Ontario, were honored as the 1964 Club of the Year. Dick Gallaher, Governor of Area 7, was recognized as the Area Governor of the Year. Jerry Friday of the Lakehead club was victorious at the District Speech Contest.

A revision of the Speech Contest rules eliminated the drawing of speech titles at a specified time prior to the contest. Twelve judges were also required (formerly 9) for all contests above the club level.

Four new clubs were welcomed to District Six. One of these, the Nanabijou #2090 was the second club formed at the Lakehead in Ontario. 27 members from Hinckley organized the Pine Toastmasters Club, which received charter number 1281 on September 18, 1963. Governor Dickinson presented the charter, and Area Governor Kenneth Harper of Cloquet was a speaker at the meeting. Southwestern Minnesota welcomed a new club, Adrian-Luverne #2409. The St. Paul suburb of Roseville was the location of the fourth club, Roseville #166. Their charter was received on February 22, 1964.

A struggle for several years to remain active reached its end for Elmore-Blue Earth club #642. They, along with Redwood Falls #3266, Montevideo #1554, Articulators #1767, and Powderhorn #205 were unable to muster enough support to remain active.

The responsibility of selection of the outstanding Area Governor was separated from the Club Achievement committee, and a separate committee was set up for that purpose. First chairman was N. William Hamlin of Grand Rapids.

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WARREN K. WILDASIN

(King Boreas #208)



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## ENJOY TOASTMASTERS

Following the path of International President Paris Jackson, Warren Wildasin used the caption above to describe the activities of District Six for the year. The third District Governor from the King Boreas Club of St. Paul enjoyed a successful year, which saw the beginning of a push which brought District Six the largest number of clubs in Toastmasters for a single district two years later.

A major accomplishment of the year was the revival of the District Speakers' Bureau. 150 members of 70 clubs participated in the program, directed by Ray Frellsen of Professionals #3000. Participation was high in terms of number of speeches given by the volunteers. Various charitable organizations benefited from Toastmaster speeches. The public relations value was unquestioned.

Governor Karl F. Rolvaag of Minnesota was interested in designating a Toastmasters Week in the state once again. This offer was accepted in connection with the 1964 Fall Conference, held at Brainerd on October 10. October 4-10, 1964 was Toastmasters Week in Minnesota. Featured speaker was John Miller of Nevada, Iowa, who had served as Vice President for Organization of TMI in 1963-64. Director Norval Anderson and Past President Alex Smekta also gave presentations. Stan Dickinson was accepted, after close scrutiny, as a member of the Past District Governors' Club.

During the year, four past officers of District Six were called by the Final Evaluator. Past Treasurer and Secretary Kenneth H. Fredericksen, of St. Paul; Past Area Governor Kenneth Harper of Cloquet; Toastmaster Larry Beckley; and District Secretary Herb Caldwell were remembered in silence at the meetings of the District Executive Committee. Their efforts in leadership will long be remembered by all who knew them, or their accomplishments.

The by-laws were amended at the Spring Conference, to clear up some matters of housekeeping. The duties of the second and third lieutenant governors were redefined, with the committees under each one's jurisdiction enumerated clearly in the by-laws. A new standing committee, the Speakers' Bureau was added to the list.

Three changes were made in the Speech Contest rules. The use of amplifying equipment was defined as to be used by all speakers in a contest, or not at all. Up to this time, use of such equipment was at the discretion of a contestant. Four speeches in Basic Training were used as sufficient criteria instead of six. All contestants of the previous year in area contests were declared ineligible for the 1965 contest.

The famed Owatonna Trip of Minneapolis Toastmasters #75 was described in an article published in the March 1965 issue of the Toastmaster. Since its inception in 1948, when toastmaster member Dick Lonsdale sold the club on the idea, the club has traveled to the Owatonna State School along with the St. Paul Clown Club to bring gifts and entertainment to the children of the school. A stag party, producing over \$200.00 is staged each year. The club uses the funds to sponsor the clown club and to buy any gifts needed in excess of contributions. Numerous business concerns have contributed toys and other items of interest to the children for this event. It was a fitting tribute to this worthwhile project for its mention in the Toastmaster.

1964 was also the 40th Anniversary of Toastmasters. A proper observance of this milestone was made at the Fall Conference.

Six new clubs became part of District Six. The Lutheran Brotherhood Toastmasters #1767, sponsored by Big Six Digest Editor Cliff Thompson, were chartered January 22, 1965. The cooperation of management in the company has made it one of the more successful clubs of this type. It is one of two clubs meeting at noon in downtown Minneapolis.

The third Canadian Toastmasters club was chartered at Fort Francis, Ontario. Choosing the name, Rainy Lake Toastmasters No. 3872, the club drew members across the border, from Fort Francis and from International Falls, Minnesota.

Other new clubs were Red Wing #205, Trafficmasters #3266, Pine Island #642, and Control Data #1554. Mill City #2622 discontinued operations during the year.

Honored guest at the Spring Conference was International President Paris Jackson.

District Six was host to the 1965 Regional Conference, held June 12, 1965. The Thunderbird Motel in Bloomington provided facilities. Regional Directors Norval Anderson and A. Ernie Pallister of Calgary were in charge of the overall presentation. Our 1965 District Speech Contest winner, Keith Frost of Dan Patch #1280, was runner-up in the Regional Speech Contest. International Vice President for Education L. Kenneth Wright was the official Toastmasters representative in attendance.

Pine Toastmasters #1281 of Hinckley were instrumental in starting a Gavel Club at the Federal Correctional Institution of Sandstone. The Pine club conducts two joint meetings each year with the Gavel club at the institution. The club has also met with the patients at the Moose Lake State Hospital as another community service project.

Governor Wildasin received the WCCO Good Neighbor Award on the day before the Spring Conference. Top club honors were presented to the Christopher Club #958 of Area 1. Ewald Koepsell, Area 20 Governor, was the Area Governor of the Year.

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ROBERT D. TOKAR

(Pony Expressers #3168)



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## SERVICE TO THE CLUBS

Governor Bob Tokar announced his theme for the year, service to the clubs, in the first issue of a new and expanded Big Six Digest. Lee Doucette was editor of the bulletin, and plans were made for eight issues during the year. The bulletin received honorable mention at the 1966 International Convention in the competition between district publications.

Governor Tokar also began a new plan for operation between the area and district level. Five Division Senior Advisors were appointed, and one assigned to each division. The divisions were defined as the first four areas for Division 1, and so on. The Division Advisors were given responsibility for the Division Speech Contests, but also were assigned to assist Area Governors and clubs as needed. For the first year, the men assigned to these new positions also served as chairman of a standing committee. This practice was changed in 1966.

Meetings of the District Executive Committee had a new agenda. The Area Governors gave their reports in the morning session, with the Division Senior Advisors reporting in the afternoon session. Club presidents were invited to attend the meetings to learn more about the district's operations.

Ralph C. Smedley, founder of Toastmasters, passed away September 14, 1965. A memorial was started by World Headquarters, with District Six being among the first to contribute. Never was there a man who knew Dr. Smedley who was not enriched by his manner. His idea has helped many men to learn more effective communication. The bells tolled later in the year for Past District Governor Herman C. Goebel. His administration started the rapid growth of District Six in 1953 to bring it up to over 100 clubs seven years later.

The Fall Conference was held October 16, 1965 at St. Cloud. After "a rather stormy session", Past District Governor Warren Wildasin was accepted as a member of the Governors' Club. Arrangements were made for District Governor Tokar and Lieutenant Governor Szymczak to appear on Radio Station KRSI in an interview program with Bob White before the conference. Senior Vice President John Miller was honored guest at the conference in St. Cloud. Lieutenant Governor Goolsby conducted a campaign to bring former area governors and other district officers who have slipped away from Toastmasters, back "into the fold" through an invitation to attend the Fall Conference.

Glen V. Hoople of Central Lutheran Toastmasters #2075 was honored once again for speaking accomplishments. He received certificate number 4 for having completed the Advanced Speaker and Leadership Through Speech. He is the only man in District Six to have earned Able Toastmaster recognition twice.

Governor Tokar made a presentation to Al Herriges at one of the meetings of the District Executive Committee, commending the 77th Division of the United States Army. Herriges served in this division in World War I, and Bob was a member of the group in World War II.

Regional structure changes were adopted at the 1965 International Convention. Region IV now consists of these districts: 6, 17, 19, 20, 24,

41, 42, 55, and 64. A bid for the 1972 International Convention was made by St. Paul through Warren Wildasin. Having selected Region IV as the site for the 1971 convention, the city was one of those considered for the meeting.

25th anniversaries were observed by First St. Paul #167, Mankato #175, Gopher #183, and Engineers #185 during the year.

Two proposals were made for amendments of the by-laws. One proposal to redefine the membership of the District Council was killed in the Executive Committee. The other plan, which would permit selection of two candidates for Third Lieutenant Governor by the Elections Committee didn't receive the necessary 2/3 vote at the Spring Conference.

Two new positions on the District Executive Committee, in addition to the Division Advisors, were created. A district committee was established to promote and assist clubs with Speechcraft, and a Sergeant-at-Arms was chosen, to keep track of the properties needed for meetings, and to perform the other duties usually associated with that type of office. Ray Frelsen of Professionals #3000 was the first chairman of the Speechcraft committee, and Al Herriges of Legion Rostrum #374 was the first Sergeant-at-Arms.

A new field was open for community service by Toastmasters. Past International President Paris Jackson's concept of service to the youth evolved into the Youth Leadership Program. The first class to be held in District Six was completed April 23, 1966. Sponsoring clubs were Anoka #2748 and Christopher #958. The program is for junior high or high school age young men and women who need improvement of their skills in communication, and provides a change from the typical classroom routine. The program's duration is eight weeks, and most programs conducted since have followed the procedure used by this first class. At the end of the eight weeks, a banquet was held for the students in the class, with their parents invited. Completion certificates were presented and some of the class members participated in the regular Toastmaster program conducted at the banquet. This first class was especially honored, as their certificates bore the signature of International President Charles Mohr, as well as the names of those who conducted the program.

A particularly busy year was noted in the establishment of new clubs. Eight new clubs were chartered during the year. These clubs were: Daybreakers #814; South Suburban #2363; Spartan Speakers #2376; First Family #3256; Early Birds #3907; Minnekota #3879; Granite Falls #3221; and Belle Plaine #3295. XIV Army Corps #3231 and Canby #2538 ceased operations during the year. But this new group of clubs gave District Six a total of 112 clubs on June 30, 1966.

Awards and a visit by International President Charles Mohr highlighted the Spring Conference. Governor Tokar received the WCCO Good Neighbor award for his efforts as District Governor. John Raiche of Wenell #435 and Governor of Area 3 received honors as Area Governor of the Year. The Realtors Club #2512 took honors for top club. Glenn Holmquist of Kaposia #330 won the District Speech Contest, and placed second in the Region IV contest held in June at Regina, Saskatchewan. Past District Governor Jack Pelinka was nominated by the District Council to be a candidate for International Director from Region IV.



The First Youth Leadership Class of District Six. Adults in the picture in the back are: left to right, International President Charles Mohr, Area 7 Governor George White, Third Lieutenant Governor Loyd Goolsby. In front, left to right: First Lieutenant Governor Bernie Szymczak, District Governor Bob Tokar.

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BERNARD L. SZYMCZAK

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357 Windom  
1324 Pipestone  
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## RESPICE, ADSPICE, PROSPICE

Look back, look at the present, look to the future. These sentiments are particularly applicable to the administration of Bernie Szymczak. The all time high number of clubs were in the district; an anniversary which was very special to many members; the bright outlook for a promising future make the heading quite meaningful. Taking into consideration the phrase which Governor Bernie used quite often in defining his goals, the heading takes on more significance. "Good, better, best--never leave it rest until the good is better, and the better is best."

District Six became the largest district in Toastmasters International. This accomplishment was reached with chartering of the F.A.A. Toastmasters Club No. 2238 on November 21, 1966. Preceding the F.A.A. club was the St. Paul Realtors #1199, chartered on November 1, 1966. The Minneapolis Realtors #2512 sponsored the new club in St. Paul, and support for it was received from Past International President Emil Nelson, a former president of the St. Paul Board of Realtors. Preceding the St. Paul group, we welcomed a new club from Wisconsin to the district. River Falls #3135 was chartered on August 29, 1966. Its organizer was Orville Meland, a past area governor and committee chairman and organizer of Rainbow Toastmasters #3104 in 1960. District Six was then 115 clubs strong.

Before the end of the year, another new club was chartered. This club was located at Atikokan, Ontario, and bears its name after the community. Charter number 1379 was presented there on April 10, 1967. The year closed with 116 clubs, and approximately 2600 members.

Past District Governor Jack Pelinka was elected to the Board of Directors at the 1966 International Convention at San Diego. The Big Six Digest received honorable mention as a distinguished district bulletin in TMI's annual district bulletin competition.

The King Boreas Club #208 celebrated two significant events during the year. On July 19, 1966, they observed their 1300th consecutive weekly meeting. But another and greater celebration took place on November 5, when they celebrated their 25th Anniversary. Past District Governor Tracy Jeffers was knighted by Boreas Rex XXXII of the St. Paul Winter Carnival. Numerous officers of District Six, past and present, were in attendance.

The District Executive Committee held five meetings during the year, at the Edgewater Inn. The invitation to attend the meetings was extended to club officers and club presidents, in order that they might become more familiar with district operation. A most welcome attendant at two of the meetings was Leif R. Larson, first Governor of District Six. The Division Advisors were separated from dual responsibility of a committee chairmanship.

This year marked the 30th Anniversary of District Six. The three oldest clubs also observed 30 years of operation: Minneapolis #75; Russell H. Conwell #82; and Albert Lea Ol' 91. 25th Anniversaries were observed by Greysolon #217 of Duluth and Victory #221 of St. Paul, in addition to King Boreas.



Mankato hosted the Fall Conference on October 29, 1966. International President John Miller was honored guest. Past President Alex Smekta served as toastmaster of the fun luncheon, which featured three humorous speeches, and especially one by a member of Metropolitan #1696. The speech related the officer's experience in a town not far from Mankato, and with a product produced there. The evening banquet featured Sam Zickefoose, a past governor of District 19, and 1966 Region IV Speech Contest winner. Individual officer training sessions headed up the educational program.

The 30th Anniversary was planned for observance at the Spring Conference. It was concluded with huge success at the Nicollet Hotel on May 6, 1967. Earlier in the year, a Committee of 30 was appointed by Governor Szymczak to plan this celebration. Ten of the members were placed under each Lieutenant Governor. A large public relations campaign in advance of the conference brought recognition for Toastmasters in many Minnesota towns.

At the core of the public relations movement was a drive to obtain as many proclamations from mayors of towns, cities, and villages having Toastmasters clubs as possible. The efforts at collecting these proclamations were handled by Tom Shrewsbury, a member of the Public Relations Committee. Heading the list of proclamations was one by Governor of Minnesota Harold LeVander, designating the week of April 30-May 6 as Toastmasters Week in Minnesota. The mayors of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Brainerd, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Richfield, Bloomington, Mankato, Stillwater, Willmar, New Ulm, and St. Cloud were among those issuing similar proclamations. The proclamations were gathered and displayed in the first idea fair at the conference.

Honor was given the Past District Governors at the luncheon meeting. Past District Governor Ed Brown presided, and paid tribute to all of the leaders of District Six who have helped to make this district the largest and best of any in Toastmasters International. Three leaders of the district received special recognition, however. Past International Presidents Harry Mattison, Emil Nelson, and Alex Smekta were honored, both seriously, and humorously. After each had had time to reminisce a bit about our rich heritage, impersonators, including Keith Frost, four-time winner of the District Speech Contest, who gave a humorous account of how each became International President. International Vice President for Organization Ralph E. "Bud" Howland of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, an honored guest of the day, also spoke at the luncheon.

Another important visitor to this conference was Robert T. "Buck" Engle, World Headquarters Manager. A good deal of the educational portion was devoted to use of the World Headquarters, and how to communicate with the office.

The first Idea Fair used at a conference was featured at this one. Third Lieutenant Governor Cliff Thompson served as Ringmaster, with numerous others at the various booths to hand out material, and to answer questions.

Governor Bernie appeared on WCCO-TV in January, 1967. He gave a presentation about the benefits of Toastmaster training to industry. Two interviews were conducted over WCCO radio during the Spring Conference. Bernie was also honored with WCCO's Good Neighbor Award.

A supply of pocket savers were obtained for use by members of the District Executive Committee and for any club desiring them, with the Toastmaster emblem and the caption, "Ask me about Toastmasters" on the outside flap.

Some revisions to the District's by-laws were approved by the Council at the Spring Conference. The amendments were largely of a housekeeping nature; redefining the duties of committees; adding and enlarging upon the duties of elective officers; and other provisions consistent with these objectives. Minimum standards for committee chairmen were defined. Anyone desiring a committee chairmanship would not be considered until he had completed a full term as an Area Governor.

The by-laws revision also provided for proxy voting for the first time. One person would be allowed to cast both votes of his club if he be the only member present from his club. However, members of the District Executive Committee, who have a vote of their own in the District Council, would not be allowed to cast the two votes of their club and their individual franchise as well. The maximum number of votes cast by any one person was limited to two.

The evening banquet and Speech Contest carried with it the traditional awards presentations. Arlen Wilson, a member of Kaposia #330 was the winner of the speech contest. Del Foster of Richfield Legion Post 435 club #232 was runner-up. The Lakehead Club #2003 of Fort William, Ontario took the honors as Club of the Year. George Nash, Area 3 Governor and member of Realtors #2512, was honored as Area Governor of the Year. Wilson placed second in the Region IV Contest at Billings, Montana in June.

For the first time, a Youth Leadership Coordinator was appointed to assist the clubs in conducting Youth Leadership programs, and in supplying information and promoting the cause. John Raiche of Wenell #435 was the first man to hold this office.



Sir Tracy. The 25th Anniversary of King Boreas #208 featured the knighting of Tracy Jeffers, Past District Governor, by Boreas Rex XXXII of the St. Paul Winter Carnival. Looking on is the Queen of the Snows.



Past District Governors at the District Executive Committee pose with Leif R. Larson, First District Governor. Left to right: Leif Larson, Tracy Jeffers, Helge Olson, Ed Brown, Norval Anderson, Max Perras, Ed Thielen, Stan Dickinson, Warren Wildasin, and Bob Tokar.



Number 115. The FAA Club #2238 was the number 115 club in District Six in 1966-67. Pictured above are the officers. Left to right: George De Puew, Treasurer; Norman Buettner, Secretary; Thomas Ashley, President; Delos Keech, Educational Vice President.

1967 -- 1968

ARTHUR L. FAHLAND

(Greysolon #217)



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Jack R. Pelinka, Director

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Treasurer: Ewald E. Koepsell, Rochester

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Division 4 -- Anthony J. Spensieri, Hibbing  
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Assistants: Morton B. Luxner, Minneapolis  
Sidney W. Schultz, Minneapolis  
Speech Contest: Lawrence Boll, Minneapolis  
Speechcraft: Richard T. Gallaher, Minneapolis  
Assistants: Donald F. Fisher, Waseca  
Fern R. Perrier, Fort William, Ontario, Canada  
Toastmaster of the Year: Ed. T. Brown, Hudson, Wisconsin  
Youth Leadership Coordinator: Roy A. Hager, Mankato

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Vice President: Ed. T. Brown, Hudson, Wisconsin  
Secretary-Treasurer: Max J. Perras, St. Paul

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Area 4 -- Richard Murphy, Minneapolis  
Area 5 -- Tom Shrewsbury, Minneapolis  
Area 6 -- Robert Nelson, Minneapolis  
Area 7 -- Orlan P. Narr, Minneapolis  
Area 8 -- James McHale, Minneapolis  
Area 9 -- William F. Schilling, St. Paul  
Area 10 -- C. C. "Neil" Boerger, St. Paul  
Area 11 -- Russell J. Mlinar, St. Paul  
Area 12 -- Eugene Hughes, St. Paul  
Area 13 -- Marvin L. Olson, Rochester  
Area 14 -- Hal Brevick, Minneapolis  
Area 15 -- Dale Crowley, Rochester  
Area 16 -- Robert Lewis, Anoka  
Area 17 -- Robert T. Scott, Duluth  
Area 18 -- Don Plaskett, Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada  
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Area 20 -- Michael G. Swanson, Brainerd  
Area 21 -- Cecil Hall, Litchfield  
Area 22 -- Glenn Wright, Granite Falls  
Area 23 -- Galen Dalen, Pipestone  
Area 24 -- William H. Vance, Fairmont  
Area 25 -- Donald Golde, Albert Lea

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75 Minneapolis  
183 Gopher  
958 Christopher  
2075 Central Lutheran  
3000 Professionals

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82 Russell H. Conwell  
320 Royal Arcanum  
323 American Inst. of Banking  
388 Lakers  
1767 Lutheran Brotherhood  
2019 Sales & Marketing Executives

AREA 3

309 Executives  
491 Archer  
725 Antlers  
1891 Pillsbury  
2250 Minnesota Sales Executives  
3266 Trafficmasters

AREA 4

500 Five Hundred  
534 Aquatennial City  
943 Scottish Rite  
1789 Speak-Easy  
2540 Minneapolis  
3168 Pony Expressers

AREA 5

400 Lake Harriet  
515 Cosmopolitan  
560 Forty-Niners  
814 Daybreakers

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2512 Minneapolis Realtors  
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1013 Zumbro Valley  
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AREA 17

217 Greysolon  
1523 Duluth  
1943 Duluth Knights of Columbus  
2670 Superior  
2771 Cloquet

AREA 6

232 Richfield Legion Post 435  
435 Wenell  
459 Minneapolis  
2140 Sunrisers  
2376 Spartan Speakers  
3907 Early Birds

AREA 8

1280 Dan Patch  
1554 Control Data  
2238 F. A. A.  
2563 Minnehaha

AREA 10

221 Victory  
374 Legion Rostrum  
447 Knights of Columbus  
490 Zephyrus  
590 Shrine  
1199 St. Paul Realtors

AREA 12

166 Roseville  
591 Viking  
2102 Town and Country  
2179 North St. Paul  
2377 Stillwater  
3135 River Falls

AREA 14

209 Shakopee  
2363 South Suburban  
2410 Tip Top  
3879 Minnekota

AREA 16

185 Engineers  
379 Tri-County  
776 Midland  
2464 North Hennepin  
2748 Anoka

AREA 18

819 Hibbing  
1250 Einar Lauley  
1732 Bemidji  
1745 Itaska  
3347 East Range

AREA 19

1379 Atikokan  
2003 Lakehead  
2090 Nanabijou  
3872 Rainy Lake

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OPERATION PLUS FIVE

Five new members for each club was the goal set for District Six by Governor Art Fahland of Duluth. The heritage of the past brought big shoes to be filled, but the past accomplishments could not manage the store and cause it to prosper. The hope for ten new clubs, if possible was expressed in the Big Six Digest, but the existing clubs should be given assistance to build up their memberships as a priority. If carried to its fullest, operation plus five would add 575 members to District Six. The year was successful, but this dream was not entirely achieved.

Numerous highlights produced a successful operation, and made the year most memorable. An apportionment of areas was made, with their number increasing to 25. The five divisions now contained five areas each. Facilitation of effective service to the clubs by the Area Governor, and Divisional geography were the main considerations in the changes.

Past District Governor and International Treasurer Tracy Jeffers passed away suddenly on July 14, 1967. A eulogy was delivered at the July meeting of the District Executive Committee by Warren Wildasin. The essence of the message was reproduced in the Big Six Digest, and is quoted, in part, below:

".....While he has gone, he is still with us, for he left his mark, and always a good mark, on countless thousands of men. Toastmasters International today lives and flourishes, enhanced because of his touch, his enthusiasm, his knowledge, his wisdom, his warmth, his perception, and always his helping hand to all who would take it.

"No one gave more of himself to others and specifically to Toastmasters. He was affectionately known throughout Toastmasterland as 'Mr. Toastmaster.' As a parliamentarian, he had no equal.

"He loved life -- every facet of it. He thrived on a good argument. His keen Irish sense of humor and wit was well known. He was a joy to be with. The spirit of 'Mr. Toastmaster' still remains."

Duluth was the scene of the 1967 Fall Conference, November 4. The clubs of that city made an all-out effort to entertain the visitors coming in from other parts of the district. A large group of members from Minneapolis and St. Paul rode together on the train, and were met by members of the Duluth clubs, who provided transportation to the hotel. Duluth Mayor Ben Boo proclaimed the week of November 4 as Toastmasters Week in the city. The Fun Luncheon was dedicated to the Area Governors, and featured a musical skit describing a wayward Area Governor. Oscar Howard of Metropolitan #1696 was featured speaker at the luncheon. Sam Zickefoose returned to District Six as banquet speaker.

The first Division Conference was held in Division 5 under direction of Division Advisor Ed Ruszat. Several persons from the Twin Cities assisted in the all-day presentation at Sleepy Eye. It was a profitable meeting, as expressed by those attending.

Two clubs, Worthington #302 and Pipestone #1324, requested permission to affiliate themselves with District 41. The District Executive Committee approved the request for submission to the District Council. The request was approved, subject to approval by the Council of District 41, and the Board of Directors. Their closeness to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a center of activity in that district was the motivation which produced the request.

Two amendments to the by-laws were passed at the Fall Conference. Exception having been taken by the Board of Directors on the provision, the maximum number of votes which a person may cast at the District Council meetings was raised to 3. This would allow an Area Governor, for example, to cast his own vote as a member of the Executive Committee, and the two votes of his club, if no other member of the club is present.

Procedures of the Elections Committee were revised to include a mandatory report to the District Executive Committee at least 40 days before the Annual Business Meeting of the District Council and thirty days notice to each club. The committee was also permitted to select two candidates for Second Lieutenant Governor, and one or more for Third Lieutenant Governor if the members so desired.



A \$15.00 overnight travel allowance was granted to any member of the District Executive Committee who needed to travel in excess of 250 miles in one direction to attend the meetings.

A new recognition program began. Having selected an outstanding club and area governor each year, a need was seen for recognizing an Outstanding Toastmaster of the Year. This award was designed for the Mr. Toastmaster who has made the greatest contribution to the success of his club during the year. An elimination process was used in selecting the man, on levels of competition from club to area to division to district. The selection was made on the basis of material supplied to the committee in charge. Material of a subjective nature was used, without a point system. First Toastmaster of the Year was Eugene Yates, a member of Metropolitan #1696 in St. Paul.

Assistant committee chairmen were appointed for some committees for the first time. One of the motivations for this new concept was desire for greater participation by Past Area Governors and other officers. In some cases, geographic representation was needed to insure activity, continuity, and to stimulate interest. The work load was a consideration in some cases.

The 1968 Spring Conference was held at the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul on April 27, 1968. The Idea Fair was expanded to include items of local interest, characteristic of activities of clubs in the district. The Speech Contest was conducted in the afternoon, due to the feature of a banquet speaker. Dr. A. Reuben Gornitzka was the main speaker at the evening banquet. The tab for his appearance was picked up by Hoover World-Wide Corporation, in support of the Toastmaster movement. Second Lieutenant Governor Cliff Thompson was responsible for obtaining the former pastor of Central Lutheran Church. He gave a dynamic presentation to the interest of all in attendance.

Notable dignitaries who were our guests were Past International President John Miller, Director Les Sutton of Winnepeg, and Carl H. Rupp, Governor of District 17 (Montana). The District Speech Contest was won by Ed Belker of the Tip Top Club #2410. Gordon C. Boardman of Forty-Niners #560 was the runner-up. Area Governor of the Year honors were carried home by Bob Nelson, Governor of Area 6. Finishing a close second was Tom Shrewsbury of Area 5. Spartan Speakers #2376 was honored as Club of the Year.

Five new clubs were organized and received charters. St. Paul Sales and Marketing Executives #146 was chartered January 26, 1968. Tartan #162 was chartered on April 8, 1968, after gargantuan interest was shown by its sponsoring company, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing. The Speak-Easy Club #1789 received their charter on October 30, 1967, marking the first club to be established in Golden Valley. They were sponsored by Cosmopolitan #515. The Sunrisers Club #2140 of Crystal was chartered March 13, 1968. North St. Paul #2179 was welcomed to District Six on October 27, 1967.

Inability to maintain interest and membership caused abandonment of these clubs: Archer #491; Trafficmasters #3266; Cedar Valley #3216; Adrian-Luverne #2409; Windom #357; and Minneapostal #2540.

On June 30, 1968, there were 115 clubs in District Six.



An official welcome to the City of Duluth for the 1967 Fall Conference is given by John W. Sheedy, a member of the Duluth City Council. Appearing on behalf of Mayor Ben Boo, he presented a proclamation designating the week of November 4 as Toastmasters Week in Duluth. Accepting the honors is District Governor Art Fahland. Sheedy is a past president of Greysolon Toastmasters #217 of Duluth.

1968 -- 1969

LOYD GOOLSBY

(Metropolitan #1696)



International Officers: None

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#### ORGANIZE, DEPUTIZE, AND SUPERVISE

President Earl Potter announced his theme for 1968-69, "Clubs on the Move Serve and Grow", at the 1968 International Convention in Miami Beach. District Governor Loyd Goolsby embarked upon a course to implement the objective of Toastmasters International and developed five goals of his own for District Six. These goals were:

1. Improved communications between district officers and clubs.
2. Increased emphasis on Community Service and Youth Leadership.
3. More Area Council Meetings, inter-club activities, and officer training programs.
4. A 5% increase in District Six membership, with an equal increase in each club.
5. More participation and improved attendance at all club, area, division, and district functions.

The goals were reasonable and within reach. The highlights of the year caused these goals to unfold and to have meaning.

Third Lieutenant Governor Robert L. Haynes served as master of ceremonies for the annual variety show of the United Blind of Minnesota. His performance caused the society to place a standing request with District Six for a master of ceremonies at all annual functions.

Governor Goolsby gave lectures to two Junior Chamber of Commerce chapters on the importance of their own "Speak-Up" program. Other officers participated in this program, and the district provided judges for the annual program.

Legion Rostrum #374 and Andy Mazzucco provided program chairmen and judges for the annual Minnesota High School speech contest preliminaries and finals held in May at the St. Paul Hilton Hotel. More than 1500 persons attended this meeting from high schools throughout the Upper Midwest. Once again, District Six has received a request to participate in this organization's future events.

Numerous district officers participated in a joint meeting with the Sandstone Gavel Club at the Federal Correctional Institution in that city. Past International President Emil Nelson arranged for the meeting. Attending were Emil Nelson, Past Director Norval Anderson, Governor Goolsby, Lieutenant Governor Cliff Thompson, Area Governor Curtis Nelson of St. Paul and several members of Paul Bunyan Toastmasters #922 of Brainerd. The evaluator of Loyd Goolsby's speech was the noted Texas financier, Billie Sol Estes, who has since been transferred to another facility. The World Headquarters has no record of any Gavel Club member who, once released from a federal correctional institution, has had to be returned to prison.

Five Youth Leadership programs were conducted with great success. Two classes were sponsored by Cosmopolitan #515, and led by Past District Governor Ed Thielen. A class conducted in Rochester not only gave a demonstration at the Fall Conference, but continued to meet after the completion of the course. Another group, sponsored by Metropolitan #1696, is also continuing to meet.

The District Governor decided to de-emphasize efforts to increase the number of chartered clubs. While the number of clubs in District Six decreased from 115 to 110, the goal of a 5% increase in membership was exceeded. Membership on July 1, 1968 was 2200. On June 30, 1969, the membership had grown to 2400, an increase of 8%. Worthington #302 and Pipestone #1324 returned to District Six. In instances where clubs discontinued to operate, the nucleus members of two of these clubs combined with other weak clubs to provide overall strength.

Three new clubs were welcomed to District Six. They were the Pacemakers #2167 of St. Paul; Sioux Sayers #430 of Burnsville; and Northwestern National Life #3107. These clubs ceased operations: Minnekota #3879; Control Data #1554; Tri-County #379; Rainy Lake #3872; Clarkfield #1944; Root River #1526; Belle Plaine #3295; and Pine Island #642.

The First Annual District Six "Laugh-In" was held at the Fall Conference in Rochester. Past International President Alex Smekta sent personal invitations to attend to each club in District Six. International Director Les Sutton of Winnepeg represented Toastmasters International. The winner of the humorous contest was John Rice of High Noon #2676 in Rochester. Other contestants were: Frank Farrington of Zumbro Valley #1013; Lloyd Albright of Lakehead #2003; Lew Driggers of Daybreakers #814; and Del Foster of Richfield Legion Post 435, #232.

Leif R. Larson, the father and first Governor of District Six passed to his maker. His core group of 22 men who formed Minneapolis #75 in 1937, as accounted early in this volume, gave the spark of inspiration which has made possible the current organization of 110 clubs and 2400 members.

The Big Six Digest received recognition at the Miami Beach convention as one of the Top Ten District Publications. Four-page photo inserts were added to two issues, covering highlights of the Spring and Fall Conferences.

The Nicollet Hotel housed the Spring Conference, held on May 10, 1969. Senior Vice President Ralph E. "Bud" Howland attended as guest of honor. Four outstanding features of this conference received many enthusiastic and favorable comments. First, the standard of excellence borne by all five speech contestants was most frequently mentioned. Bud Howland's entertaining and educational 15-minute speech and his appearance on the Henry Wolf Show, Radio Station KSTP, added color to the activities.

The fun luncheon was keynoted by three humorous speakers, Farrell Burho of Hibbing #819; Bob Martin of High Noon #2676; and Oscar Howard of Metropolitan #1696. A wrapup concert by the Moose Kitchen Band, using nearly anything from the house that would make music, and appropriate dress, topped off a good event. Other "hi-jinks" included a story by Lieutenant Governor Bob Haynes on Loyd Goolsby's having lost his pants when stopped by the Minnesota Highway Patrol in Lakeville. Sergeant-at-Arms Jackson Petter curiously recovered some of the hotel's silverware from the coat pocket of Jack Pelinka. Another welcome visitor was Past International President John Miller.

Favorable comments on program timing were a tribute to Neill Carter, who was responsible for program coordination.

The week of May 10, 1969 was proclaimed as Toastmasters Week in Minnesota by Governor Harold LeVander. Loyd Goolsby was also honored, in connection with the Spring Conference, with WCCO's Good Neighbor Award. Loyd and Cliff Thompson appeared on a 15 minute program on WCCO radio, "On the Go."

Russell H. Conwell Toastmasters Club No. 82 paid tribute to their Past District Governor, George Knowles. A special Wednesday morning program was conducted by the club. A certificate of recognition was given to George, in appreciation of 32 years' association with the club. It was signed by all members of the club, and by the appropriate district officers of area, division, and district. He was the second Toastmaster during the year to receive the WCCO Good Neighbor Award.

Honor and mention is due these Toastmasters in District Six for accomplishments during the year: Sam Charchian, Legion Rostrum #374, District Speech Contest Winner; John Gera of Spartan Speakers #2376, and Richfield Legion Post 435 #232, Governor of Area 6. John was the Area Governor of the Year. A. A. "Andy" Mazzucco of Legion Rostrum #374 was selected as the Toastmaster of the Year. Cosmopolitan #515 was Club of the Year. All received recognition at the International Convention.



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CLIFFORD L. THOMPSON

(Lakers #388)



International Officers: None

DISTRICT OFFICERS:

First Lieutenant Governor: N. William Hamlin, Grand Rapids  
Second Lieutenant Governor: Robert L. Haynes, St. Paul  
Third Lieutenant Governor: Robert J. Simonsen, Minneapolis  
Secretary: Richard T. Gallaher, Minneapolis  
Treasurer: Donald B. Anderson, Minneapolis

Division Advisors:

Division 1 -- Fred E. Holmgren, Minneapolis  
Division 2 -- John Gera, Minneapolis  
Division 3 -- J. B. Klassen, St. Paul  
Division 4 -- Donald A. Plaskett, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada  
Division 5 -- Roy A. Hager, Mankato

Committee Chairmen:

Advisory and Elections: Loyd Goolsby, Bloomington  
Area Governor Achievement: Chuck Westling, St. Paul  
Audit: Arthur H. Osberg, Minneapolis  
Budget and Finance: Anders Hansen, Stillwater  
By-Laws: Arthur L. Fahland, Duluth  
Club Achievement: C. C. "Neil" Boerger, St. Paul  
Assistant: A. A. Mazzucco, St. Paul  
Club Bulletins: Frank J. Smith, Minneapolis  
Club Extension: Dale E. Vander Linden, Delano  
Credentials: Edward P. Ruszat, Fairmont  
Editor, Big Six Digest: David C. Nordell, Minneapolis  
Assistant: Donald B. Anderson, Minneapolis  
Norman Bell, St. Paul  
Roy A. Hager, Mankato  
Charles E. House, Two Harbors  
Historian: Tom Shrewsbury, Minneapolis  
Photographer: Dean R. Roberts, St. Paul  
Program Coordinator: Neill T. Carter, St. Paul  
Public Relations: Charles E. House, Two Harbors  
Assistant: Douglas R. Bronder, Minneapolis  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jackson W. Petter, St. Paul  
Assistants: A. M. Herriges, St. Paul  
Joseph R. Herriges, St. Paul  
Sidney W. Schultz, Burnsville

Speaker's Bureau: Frank K. Strickon, Minneapolis  
Assistant: Anthony J. Spensieri, Hibbing  
Speech Contest: Merle H. Mattson, Minneapolis  
Toastmaster of the Year: Alton C. Clark, Minneapolis  
Youth Leadership Coordinator: Laverne O. Graff, St. Paul

GOVERNORS' CLUB:

President: Norval A. Anderson, Brainerd  
Vice President: Alton C. Clark, Minneapolis  
Secretary-Treasurer: Max J. Perras, St. Paul

AREA GOVERNORS:

Area 1 -- Jerome R. Jallo, Minneapolis  
Area 2 -- Arthur W. Owens, Minneapolis  
Area 3 -- Louis L. Grindy, Minneapolis  
Area 4 -- James H. Saks, Minneapolis  
Area 5 -- Gordon C. Boardman, Minneapolis  
Area 6 -- William Vornwald, Minneapolis  
Area 7 -- Les Carson, Hopkins  
Area 8 -- Keith R. Frost, Minneapolis  
Area 9 -- Dean R. Roberts, St. Paul  
Area 10 -- Larry Anderson, St. Paul  
Area 11 -- A. A. Mazzucco, St. Paul  
Area 12 -- Curtis H. Nelson, St. Paul  
Area 13 -- Gaston Vandermeerssche, Stillwater  
Area 14 -- Lonnie Jacobs, St. Paul  
Area 15 -- Dr. Cleve Gruler, Winona  
Area 16 -- LeRoy Westerlund, Minneapolis  
Area 17 -- Fred Charon, Cloquet  
Area 18 -- Calvin Saari, Hibbing  
Area 19 -- Morris McKay, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada  
Area 20 -- Roy Miller, St. Cloud  
Area 21 -- Cecil Hall, Litchfield  
Area 22 -- Hilary Egan, Marshall  
Area 23 -- Gilbert G. Feller, Rochester  
Area 24 -- Wilbert Schultz, Sleepy Eye  
Area 25 -- James Cody, Faribault

AREA ORGANIZATION:

AREA 1

75 Minneapolis  
183 Gopher  
958 Christopher  
2075 Central Lutheran  
3000 Professionals

AREA 2

82 Russell H. Conwell  
323 American Inst. of Banking  
388 Lakers  
1767 Lutheran Brotherhood  
2019 Sales & Marketing Executives

AREA 3

309 Executives  
320 Royal Arcanum  
725 Antlers  
1891 Pillsbury  
2250 Motivators

AREA 4

500 Five Hundred  
534 Aquatennial City  
943 Scottish Rite  
1789 Speak-Easy  
3168 Pony Expressers

AREA 5

400 Lake Harriet  
515 Cosmopolitan  
560 Forty-Niners  
814 Daybreakers  
3107 Northwestern National Life

AREA 6

232 Richfield Legion Post 435  
430 Sioux Sayers  
435 Wenell  
459 Minneapolis  
2376 Spartan Speakers  
3104 Rainbow

AREA 7

1763 Newsmakers  
2140 Sunrisers  
2512 Realtors  
3539 Christian  
3907 Early Birds

AREA 8

1280 Dan Patch  
2238 F. A. A.  
2563 Minnehaha

AREA 9

209 Shakopee  
2363 South Suburban  
2410 Tip Top  
2905 Northfield

AREA 10

162 Tartan  
855 Brown and Bigelow  
1696 Metropolitan  
3256 First Family  
3580 Centennial

AREA 11

221 Victory  
374 Legion Rostrum  
447 Knights of Columbus  
490 Zephyrus  
590 Shrine

AREA 12

146 St. Paul Sales Executives  
167 First St. Paul  
208 King Boreas  
321 Capital City  
383 Midway

AREA 13

166 Roseville  
2102 Town and Country  
2179 North St. Paul  
2377 Stillwater  
3135 River Falls

AREA 14

330 Kaposia  
591 Viking  
1199 St. Paul Realtors  
2167 Pacemakers  
2401 Whirlpool

AREA 15

271 Rochester  
497 Hiawatha  
1883 Suburban  
2676 High Noon

AREA 16

185 Engineers  
776 Midland  
2464 North Hennepin  
2748 Anoka

AREA 17

217 Greysolon  
1523 Duluth  
1943 Duluth Knights of Columbus  
2670 Superior  
2771 Cloquet

AREA 18

819 Hibbing  
1250 Einar Lauley  
1732 Bemidji  
1745 Itaska  
3347 East Range

AREA 19

1379 Atikokan  
2003 Lakehead  
2090 Nanabijou

AREA 20

679 Granite City  
922 Paul Bunyan  
1281 Pine

AREA 21

317 Lakeland  
1020 Hutchinson  
2763 Meeker County

AREA 22

302 Worthington  
1324 Pipestone  
1486 Marshall  
2321 Ortonville-Clinton  
3221 Granite Falls

AREA 23

205 Red Wing  
564 Olmstead County  
1013 Zumbro Valley

AREA 24

175 Mankato  
689 Fairmont  
1722 Sleepy Eye  
2641 New Ulm

AREA 25

91 Albert Lea  
134 Owatonna  
372 Faribault  
1336 Waseca

MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES

Every member of the District Executive Committee was asked by District Governor Cliff Thompson to set his objectives for the year, and then to embark upon a course of action to facilitate satisfaction of the objectives. Each Area Governor, committee chairman, Division Advisor, and all other officers have participated in this program. All officers were encouraged to set their objectives consistent with the goals of Governor Thompson, and with the goals of Toastmasters International.

The goals at the beginning of the year, as outlined by the District Governor, were:

1. Strengthen weak clubs.
2. Every Area Governor organize a new club.
3. Every member sponsor a member, to give us at least eight "President's 40" clubs.
4. Every member complete at least six projects in one of the speaking manuals, to give us at least 15 new Able Toastmasters for the year.
5. Every club present one Youth Leadership and one Speechcraft program.
6. Every Area Governor have an Associate Area Governor.
7. Achieve a Distinguished District status.

These goals have been reasonable, and great progress has been made to achieve them. Success will be achieved in all areas, except for the second one, noted above. Nonetheless, progress has been made in starting

some new clubs. Northfield #2905 received its charter on April 24, 1970. The charter party was held in South St. Paul, and numerous district and area officers attended. A hearty welcome to our newest club!

At the time of printing, the Northfield club is the only new chartered club, but there are at least three other prospective clubs which may be chartered by next fall. Club Extension Chairman Dale Vander Linden has a club nearly ready for charter at Delano. Lyle Canedy, Associate Governor of Area 11, is organizing a group at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in St. Paul, and another group of airlines personnel at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

The Big Six Digest, edited by Dave Nordell of Lakers #388, has been changed to a magazine format and expanded. The publication was honored at the 1969 International Convention in Cleveland once again as a Top Ten District Publication.

Two new committee chairmanships have been added this year. Frank J. Smith of Central Lutheran #2075 and Past Governor of Area 1, was appointed Club Bulletin Chairman, and has been busy assisting the clubs in preparation of their bulletins. A series of articles on the mechanics of bulletins and suggestions for material have been carried in the Big Six Digest through the year. Neill Carter has served during the year as Program Coordinator. The purpose of this position is to coordinate timing of meetings of the District Executive Committee and the Fall and Spring Conferences.

More progress has been made in starting Gavel Clubs at correctional institutions in Minnesota. Granite City Toastmasters #679 have sponsored a Gavel Club at the St. Cloud Reformatory. This group has been chartered as a Gavel Club. North Hennepin #2464 is in the process of starting a similar group at Stillwater prison.

The Northern Lights Gavel Club has been sponsored by Dan Patch #1280. This group is formed from the Circle "F" Club of Minneapolis. The latter group is a part of the Hennepin County General Hospital Department of Psychiatry. Operations in the gavel club are akin to a regular Toastmasters club. The club has a membership of 16, and a 75% attendance. Frank Strickon and Jim Davis of Dan Patch have been the principal participants from the club.

Three efforts in strengthening weak clubs has paid off during the year. Area 16 Governor LeRoy Westerlund has used members of the clubs in his area to revive the Engineers #185. A combined effort, with ten or more members from clubs in Area 6 have helped Area Governor Bill Vornwald bring the Rainbow Club #3104 to a membership of 28 from a membership of 7. Professionals #3000, nearly lost during the summer, has grown from 5 members to 18. Minneapolis #75 and Metropolitan #1696 have shared in helping this club.

Cosmopolitan #515 has conducted a Youth Leadership program on the Near North Side of Minneapolis, its students being a group of American Indian youth. This class was the first in District Six conducted for a minority group. The graduates are now asking the club for training in parliamentary procedure.

The 45th Anniversary of Toastmasters International was observed at the Fall Conference. Brainerd was host city to this annual event, held

October 18, 1969. The luncheon featured a sketch of Toastmasters history, and especially of District Six. Keith Frost, Area 8 Governor and four-time winner of the District Speech Contest, gave the presentation. Preceding him was Past International President Alex Smekta, who gave a biographical sketch of the late founder of Toastmasters, Ralph Smedley. As their names were mentioned by Keith Frost, the Past District Governors in attendance gathered around a large cake, prepared for the purpose of the 45th birthday of Toastmasters. After pictures were taken by District Photographer Dean Roberts, the cake was cut, and aprons tied around each of these gentlemen, who then served it to those in attendance.

Important revisions to the by-laws were approved at the Fall Conference. The officers of District Six beginning 1970-71 will be a District Governor, a Senior Lieutenant Governor for Education, a Lieutenant Governor for Administration, and five Division Lieutenant Governors. The Division Advisors will have new title, and will be elected instead of appointed. Each division will ballot in advance of the Spring Conference, and forward recommendations for nominations to the Elections Committee. From this, the District Council will elect the five men, one for each division. The opportunity to run from the floor is present. Other housekeeping changes were made to implement this new complement of elected officers.

The Highland Inn in St. Paul has been the location of meetings of the District Executive Committee during the year. Five meetings of this assembly have been conducted, with the welcome mat extended to club officers.

At the Fall Conference, the Second Annual "Laugh-In" was won by Chan Enfield of North Hennepin #2464. Runner-up was Bob Collette of Sunrisers #2140. International Director George Ireland of Omaha was honored guest. Door prizes were given at the educational sessions.

The Public Relations Committee, chaired by Chuck House of Duluth has been busy producing a Promotion and Publicity Manual for the clubs of District Six. The new publication was unveiled at the March meeting of the District Executive Committee. Information on pictures, newspaper publicity, radio and television, and other mediums is included in the manual. It has been distributed to each club at no charge.

The Final Evalumaster has called two Toastmasters during the year. Bill Mead, Area 7 Governor designee, and a member of Early Birds #3907 passed away in August. Past International Director Norval A. Anderson was called on February 18. In addition to having served well and long in District Six, including being Arrangements Chairman of the Fall Conference, he was a member of the Brainerd City Council and First Vice Chairman of the Sixth District Republican Caucus. He was also the President of the Past District Governors' Club. Many officers who have served District Six paid final tribute to him. The March meeting of the District Executive Committee honored him, with remarks given by Past District Governor Alton C. Clark, and Al Parks, Associate Area Governor of Area 20.

For the first time in District Six, the heritage and history has been completed and published for general distribution. Historian Tom Shrewsbury has been responsible for this project, with assistance from these Past Officers of District Six and Toastmasters International: Harry W. Mattison, George W. Benson, Ikel C. Benson, Alex Smekta, Max Perras, and Al Clark. All other past officers and numerous clubs have also contributed information.

During the course of the research, several old friends and past officers have been contacted, and discoveries have been interesting about their current activities.

Past International President George W. Benson is living in Whittier, California, and is in the real estate business there. He is a member of Quakertowne Toastmasters #19-F.

Past District Governor Thomas W. Hennessy lives in Inglewood, California. He was a member of Progressive Toastmasters #18-F in Huntington Park for over 15 years, and is retired from the United States Post Office. He is reported to have been ill of late.

Past District Governor George Conrad is living in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was glad to have heard from someone in District Six again. He maintains a continuing interest in our activities.

Past International Director Watt W. Welker is living in Whispering Pines, North Carolina. He has served on numerous boards and committees of his church, and has been the leader of a group of 40 men, known as Welker's Walkers, who enjoy a daily golf outing. He has been interested in starting a club in Whispering Pines.

Past District Governor Lee Tallman has returned to Minnesota, and attended one of the meetings of the District Executive Committee during the year. He is living in Brooklyn Center, and is business manager for a Lutheran church in Crystal.

Today's Spring Conference has the billing of being one of the finest ever presented. Ladies activities are being coordinated by the North Hennepin Club #2464. Surprises are in store at the Fun Luncheon. For the first time, Five Division Lieutenant Governors will be elected for the new year at the business meeting. The evening banquet will feature the Speech Contest, and the Governor's Ball will follow. For this conference, the dancing will be a new event. At the business meeting, the delegates will nominate a candidate for International Director to be presented at the Region IV Conference at Winnepeg, June 12 and 13. Awards will be given for Top Club, Area Governor of the Year, and Toastmaster of the Year this evening. Senior Vice President of Toastmasters Art Diamond will be attending.

As of today, there are 108 clubs in District Six. Membership is about 2400. During the year, the AIB #323, St. Paul Realtors #1199, and North St. Paul #2179 have become dormant clubs, and their members have joined other groups near them. This district is the largest in Toastmasters International.

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The heritage of District Six is rich in service, in recognition, and in respect. As Past District Governor Art Fahland has noted, the shoes to be filled are large, but the future will need that continued, dedicated effort to maintain these high standards set by the past officers, the clubs, and Toastmasters International. May we also remember the comments also of Past District Governor Bernie Szymczak, and let them guide us as we continue to serve our clubs, our district, our community, and Toastmasters. Good, better, best--never let it rest--until the GOOD is BETTER, and the BETTER is BEST!!

DISTRICT SIX HALL OF FAME