



# DISTRICT 24 DOUBLE DOZEN NEWSLETTER

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### District 24

June/2017

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**It's not too late to Beat the Clock! Check out [d24tm.org](http://d24tm.org) to  
find out how!**

### The Race to the Finish is On!

It's time for the final push to June 30! The Brilliant Bears of Division B is currently in the lead with one Distinguished Area, 1 Distinguished Club, and 2 Presidents Distinguished Clubs. Close behind are the Dedicated Dogs of Division D with 4 Select Distinguished Clubs. The Empowered Starfish of Division E and Confident Tortoises of Division C are tied with one club as Distinguished and Select (Division E) and one club as Select and Presidents (Division C). The Awesome Antelopes of Division A have one Select Distinguished Club but promise there are more in the making by June 30!

How can you track your club, area, or division's progress during this final month? Go to [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org) to Leadership Central. Club officers have access to their club's dashboard. District 24 officers have access to the district dashboard. The dashboard is updated overnight so changes entered one day will not be reflected in the dashboard until the next day. As the end of June gets closer, [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org) will get busier so don't delay enter your changes as soon as you get them! Push you club, area, division, and district over the top to be recognized as Distinguished for this Toastmaster year!

The club, area, and division [dashboards](http://www.toastmasters.org) can be found at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).



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News from the District Director

## It's Time for Graduations and Weddings!

Submitted by: *Marian Albin Gramlich, District Director*



June is that season! It is the season to celebrate the culmination of work is celebrated with pomp and circumstance. It is the season to

celebrate the promise pledged between two people.

Much like high school or postsecondary graduations, districts around the world celebrate the success of their clubs as they are distinguished or better. The District Director, Program Quality Director, and Club Growth Director of Distinguished Districts are honored at the Toastmasters International Convention as they walk across the stage when their District's number is projected above and behind them. It is a site to behold.

If members of the District are in attendance, many times they will join their Trio and share in the honor. Like families who celebrate the promise of two people to each other, members of Toastmasters celebrate with their District members because they fulfilled the [Toastmaster's Promise](#).

While high school or postsecondary graduations may be over, our final and graduation are yet to come. Our final test is June 30, 2017 at 11:59 pm.

While you may be thinking about graduations and presents for friends and families, what about giving the gift of communication and leadership by gifting a membership? We don't require the person to be graduating from school – maybe the person is someone in your department and is an employee that needs to hone their skills and is just too shy and needs the confidence we can help with. Or

maybe it is your coworker that you care about.



Maybe you can share how the one sheet of [Features, Benefits and Value](#) that is free to download with your Department of Human Resources. Also share the core values of Toastmasters – integrity, respect, service, excellence – and how Toastmasters can add value to your organization. If it your employer or employee throws up

the barrier of time, counter with the investment of growth and share with others what the founder of Toastmasters, Ralph C Smedley said, "To the other values of Toastmasters training let us add this one, with emphasis - that it is the busy man's best chance to take a post graduate course in general information without inconvenience or loss of time."

Celebrate the promise or are and work together to help us pass our district's final exam – it's crunch time. **Final Exam: June 30, 2017 at 11:59 pm.**



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## News from the Program Quality Director

### Smile and Thank Your Members and Officers!

Submitted by: Steve Dawkins, Program Quality Director



Every team has a coach, members of the team, and fans of the team. In Toastmasters, we can be active in all three roles. While not necessarily at the same time, we each serve the role of a mentor, a member, and a supporter by what we do and how we act.

When was the last time you remembered to say, "Thank you!" to another member of your club? Thank you for being Toastmaster! Thank you for being an Evaluator, Speaker, or Table Topics Master. Whatever the role, be sure to thank your members. Why? Because it lets that member know you value them and a member that feels valued is a member that renews.

What about thanking your officers for serving? Have you had your officer elections yet? It would be good to tell them "Thank you!" for their service. This will encourage others to step up and lead as well.

By sharing a simple smile and thank you, you have paid it forward. Remember the story of the pebble skipping across the water creating ripples in all directions? Be the pebble of encouragement! Share your positive attitude and build your membership. Members that feel valued are happier. Happier members share that happy feeling

with other people; many that are non-members.

Be the spark that helps ignite the members of your club. The founder of Toastmasters, Ralph C Smedley, is quoted as saying, "We realize that the two most important factors in Toastmasters is Mentoring and Evaluations, there is no doubt that if these two are done well and there is a good Mentoring program, your club will be filled with spark plugs ready to fire upon request. Mentoring and evaluations create enthusiasm, and once you light that fire the only thing it needs is some kindling." Are you that spark plug that help keeps your club growing with your positivity and powerful practice of valuing your members?

What an easy way to help keep and build your membership with a smile and a simple, "Thank you"





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### News from the Club Growth Director

## New Clubs Emerging

Submitted by: *Glenn Williams, Club Growth Director*



We are in the last month of the 2016-2017 Toastmasters year and there are promising leads for the 2017-2018 year at various stages of development.

In the prospective club area, the International Friends Club #6133261 at Southeast Community College Lincoln continues to generate interest from members and guests alike. A prospective club is one that has sent in Form 1 and has paid the one-time \$125 club establishment fee to Toastmasters International. The club is currently 11 members short of the 20 needed to charter as a Toastmasters club. Nearly every meeting generates a new guest and members are working to develop their communication skills to be better understood. It is inspiring to see members and guests come from so many countries of the world, which is why the name International Friends is applicable.

In development stage, Salem Baptist Church in Omaha is being developed by the current Division

B Division Director, Pamela Hogan. This is planned to charter sometime this summer or fall.

It takes time to properly promote a new club to achieve having a demonstration meeting of thirty to forty guests. It is statistically true that twenty guests will sign up to become members, the minimum number of members needed to charter a new club.



There are many possibilities for potential new clubs at churches, businesses, libraries; wherever people can gather. Club possibilities are unlimited if thinking creatively. One possibility could be a book club that would meet as a Toastmasters meeting. Each member could discuss aspects of the book of the meeting.

If you are willing to lead in the process of growing a new club and working with individuals inside of organizations, you could become a club sponsor. If you are willing to stay with a club and help them become a club that

works the Toastmasters program, you can be named a club mentor.

Whatever you choose to do, choose to help build District 24!



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**Year End Celebration!**

## Save the Date: August 12!

It is time to celebrate! **Celebrate** the **2016-2017 Toastmasters Year** and **honor** our outstanding members too. Relax in Peterson Park, 200 W Angus St, Gretna, Nebraska. ([Peterson Park](#) is immediately west of Hwy 6/31 on Angus St.)

**Plan to attend an old-fashioned picnic in the park!** In addition to traditional beans and wienies, we will be serving hamburgers and cake! According to the End of Year Celebration Chair, Janel Asche ([janel.d24tm@gmail.com](mailto:janel.d24tm@gmail.com)) of the Mutual of Omaha Toastmasters, rumor has it that our own District Director will be baking the cake and including gluten free cupcakes!

What would an old-fashioned picnic be without music and games? Plan to challenge each other with a bean bag toss and other games! The younger crowd can play in the park's pool.

Before we have food and fun, there will be a short business meeting at 12:30 pm of the District Council to approve the newly appointed District Officers: Area Directors, Finance Manager, Public Relations Manager, and Administration Manager. Credentials will open at 11:30 am.

After eating and before the games start, we will announce and honor all respective recipients "Of the Year" awards: Club Officers of the Year, Ruth M. Kraft District Toastmaster of the Year, Don Smith Toastmaster of the Decade, and Ann Gold District Toastmaster Club of the Year. We will also honor the Areas and Divisions that are Distinguished or better!

**Make it a day of Toastmasters fun and fellowship** by also attending the Toastmasters Leadership Institute, which will be held that morning

beginning at 8:00 am at the [Gretna United Methodist Church](#), 11457 S 204 St (E Angus St. & 204 St.) in Gretna. In case of inclement weather, this will be the location of the End of Year Celebration too.



## Nominations Needed for Of The Year Awards!

Nominate the Toastmaster you view as outstanding in their club or district officer role! Nominate the Toastmaster you think deserves the outstanding District Toastmaster of the Year, Toastmaster of the Decade, and/or Outstanding District Club of the Year!

**What are the awards?** At the **Club level**, we will honor the outstanding Club President, Vice President Education, Vice President Membership, Vice President Public Relations, Secretary, Club Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms. Please share what is outstanding about your club officers. At the **District level**, the Area Director of the Year, Division Director of the Year, Toastmaster of the Year, Toastmaster of the Decade, and Club of the Year.

All District-wide awards are awarded by the District except of the Toastmaster of the Year, which is awarded by Toastmasters International on the recommendation of the District. In District 24, the



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## Of the Year Awards

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Toastmaster of the Year was renamed as the **Ruth M. Kraft Toastmaster of the Year Award** in 2012 to honor Ruth Kraft. Distinguished Toastmaster, Ruth M. Kraft was a pioneering leader in the 1970s of the successful effort allowing women to become full-fledged members of Toastmasters International. As Administrative and Educational Lieutenant Governor, she helped lead District 24 to back-to-back Distinguished District Awards in 1976/77 and 1977/78. As District Governor and Immediate Past District Governor, she led District 24 to back-to-back President's Distinguished District Awards in 1978/79 and 1979/80 (to date that is two of only three President's Distinguished District Awards the District has ever won). In 1980, DTM Ruth M. Kraft won an election to the Toastmasters International Board of Directors as the first female Director from District 24 and Region IV. She was also one of the first female Directors from around the world, serving with distinction and helping set policy and guiding operations of the worldwide organization. After a full and rewarding life of service to her family, her business and volunteer organizations, including continuing service to District 24 and her community, Ruth M. Kraft passed away in the summer of 2012.

The **Don Smith Toastmaster of the Decade** is unique to District 24 and honors Distinguished Toastmaster Don Smith, a recipient of the the District 24 Toastmaster of the Year for 1970-1971 and District 24 Governor in 1973-1974. He was a member of the Greater Communicators Toastmasters Club in Council Bluffs. In the late 1970s, Don was giving a speech at the Greater Communicators when he suffered a heart attack and passed away. In effect, he "died with his boots on." The District 24 Toastmaster of the Decade Award was named in his honor and is awarded at the discretion of the District Governor/Director annually to a member of the District who has been

achievement or sustained meritorious service to the mission of District 24. The term "Toastmaster of the Decade" refers to the specification that the recipient must have been a Toastmaster for at least 10 years and not for any specified period of years or decade.

The **Ann Gold Toastmaster Club of the Year** is also unique to District 24 and honors Distinguished Toastmaster Ann Gold. Ann was the District 24 Toastmaster of the Year and District 24 Governor in 1987-1988. Ann had a special talent for forming new clubs and helping troubled, low-member clubs recover their strength. Unfortunately, shortly after her year as District Governor, Ann suffered a heart attack and passed away in her home. The Ann Gold Toastmaster Club of the Year Award was named in her honor and is awarded annually to the outstanding District 24 Club in the previous year based upon criteria established by the District Trio and the District Awards Committee. Such criteria include whether or not the club earned Distinguished Club recognition, membership retention and growth, number of educational awards earned, and the degree of club participation in Districtwide activities and programs

All "Of the Year" nominations are available on [d24tm.org](http://d24tm.org) in the public downloads in the folder **D24 Of The Year Nomination Forms**. For your nomination to be considered, **nominations must be received by end of day on Monday, July 10**. Please take a few minutes to review the judging criteria to be met or exceeded of each award.

All **awardees will be honored after the District Council meeting at the **End of Year Celebration** on **Saturday, August 12**, which begins at 12:30 pm in Peterson Park, 200 W Angus St, Gretna, Nebraska. (Peterson Park is immediately west of Hwy 6/31 on Angus.)**



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## 2017 – 2018 District Leadership

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Downtown Dodgers	Club Oradores TM	TM Club Omaha 229	HDR Omaha TM
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Rail Talkers Club	Whale Talkers	Why Not Speak TM	NEI Global Relocation
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Tower Talkers Club	Sarpy County Chamber	Road 2 DTM	River City Speakers Club
The Orators	Literally Speaking	The Bull Speakers	Royal Babblers TM
		Dynamic Speakers	



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## 2017 – 2018 District 24 Calendar At A Glance

*\*Always reference D24tm.org for any calendar updates and changes.  
RSVP is requested for all events listed.*

### DEC Meetings are at CSG – 18020 Burt St, Omaha NE 68022 unless noted below.

June ..... Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at Carol Joy Holling, Ashland  
July ..... Saturday, July 8  
September .... Saturday, September 9, Location TBD  
October ..... Saturday, October 14  
November ..... Saturday, November 11  
December ..... Friday, December 1 (Mid-Year), The Graduate, Lincoln  
January ..... Saturday, January 13  
February ..... Saturday, February 10  
March ..... Saturday, March 10  
April ..... Saturday, April 21 (District Spring Conference)  
May ..... Saturday, May 12  
June ..... Saturday, June 9



### DEADLINE FOR AREA DIRECTOR VISIT REPORTS:

Fall 2017  
November 30, 2017

Spring 2018  
May 31, 2018

### END OF YEAR SUMMER CELEBRATION & DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

- **Gretna:** Saturday, August 12 (After TLI) 12:30–4:30pm, Picnic at Peterson Park, 200 West Angus St. (Credentials open at 11:30 am)

### SUMMER TLI

- **Lincoln:** Tues., July 11 (5:30-9:30 pm) Food at 5 pm. 7300 Holdrege St.
- **Norfolk:** Sat., July 15 (10:00 am-2:00 pm) Lunch provided. Northeast Community College, 801 East Benjamin Ave.
- **Lincoln:** Sat., July 22 (10:00 am-2:00 pm) Lunch provided. Holy Savior Lutheran Church, 4710 N 10th St.
- **Omaha:** Tues., July 25 (5:30-9:30 pm) Food at 5 pm. Blue Cross Blue Shield, 1919 Aksarben Dr.
- **Grand Island:** Sat/, July 29 (10:00 am-2:00 pm) Lunch provided. Hy-Vee at 115 Willmar Ave.
- **Gretna:** Sat., Aug 12 (8:00 am-Noon) Food at 7:30 am. Gretna United Methodist Church, 11457 S 204<sup>th</sup> St.

### WINTER TLI

- **Lincoln:** Saturday, December 1 (9:00a – 5:00p) The Graduate, 141 N 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Club officers receive TLI training credit. All club members welcome. Lance Miller keynote speaker.

### \*\* No Fall Speech Contests \*\*

### Spring 2018 Speech Contest Schedule – Humorous, Table Topics, and International

- Club, February 1-28, 2018
- Area, March 1 - 31, 2018
- Division, April 1 - 15, 2018
- District, April 20 -21, 2018





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### Around the District



## Empowered Starfish

*Division E – George Volz*



Division E is electrified, and engaged. We have enjoyed putting on several special events this year and look forward to a more exciting year. We are privileged to have a great leadership team in the coming year. Scott Pachunka is the incoming Division Director, look forward to an exciting year and be ready for innovative and fun ways to be a Toastmaster. From the electrified “E” to Table Topics Tune-up, Scott has been extremely active this year and will be a great leader for this coming year.

The Area Director lineup is also very impressive. Area 41 will be led by Videgla Sekpe, who will bring great organizational and team leadership skills to his area and the district. George Hast has agreed to take the helm of Area 42, his passion for helping members develop improv, table topics and self-confidence will be a definite asset. I look forward to an increase of events beyond the club. Frank Wilson brings years of experience to Area 43 and his uncanny ability to drill down to the core issues will be a great strength for the group. Area 44 will be led by none other than Cynthia Coleman. Her energy, humor and drive are a perfect fit for the clubs in her area and the Division E. What a team!! What a great year is coming!!

The year is not over!! Let’s concentrate on making this year the best it can be for you the member. Please join Division E, as we move forward helping each member find their strengths, conquer their fears, build confidence, listen better, be heard with conviction, and provide the leadership that is needed in these trying times! Division E is committed to do all that we can do to ensure the success of our members and our clubs.

## “Like” Us on Facebook; Tweet on Twitter!

During the last week of April, District 24 began social media advertising on Facebook and Twitter. The social media advertising then expanded to include LinkedIn and Google Plus to the mix.

These social media posts have resulted in an increase number of views as they are pushed out to various demographic groups based on age, geographic location, gender, and other factors. The goal is to create a buzz and an interest in joining Toastmasters! If just one person joins a local Toastmasters club due to these advertisements, it is worth it!

The more that we all can do to reach out to others to help them become aware of what Toastmasters is, the greater our member experience will become. Using social media can reach more people inexpensively and in real time. Recruiting more members in our clubs allows increased learning opportunities in a relaxed atmosphere. Another positive benefit is a boost of energy from new ideas and enthusiasm that new members bring.

Build your club and District 24 with a “Like”! Tweet the benefits of Toastmasters! Post the positive benefits of Toastmasters on all social media!

If your club has had success using Facebook, Twitter, or other Social Media, send in an article describing what you’ve done for publishing in the Double Dozen! Send your article to [prm.d24tm@gmail.com](mailto:prm.d24tm@gmail.com) by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next Double Dozen!



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District 24 Mini Calendar

## District 24 Dates to Remember

### Beat the Clock Incentive –

May 1 – June 30 – Information is available on [www.d24tm.org](http://www.d24tm.org)

### New Club Officers List Due into Toastmasters International

June 30

### Summer TLI Sessions –

July 11 (5:30-9:30 pm) Food at 5 pm. Lincoln, 7300 Holdrege St.

July 15 (10:00 am-2:00 pm) Lunch provided, Norfolk, Northeast Community College, 801 East Benjamin Ave.

July 22 (10:00 am-2:00 pm) Lunch provided. Lincoln, Holy Savior Lutheran Church, 4710 N 10th St.

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Aug 12 (8:00 am-Noon) Food at 7:30 am. Gretna, United Methodist Church, 11457 S 204<sup>th</sup> St.

**Note: TLI registration will be open by late June!**

### End of Year Celebration –

August 12 (After TLI) 12:30–4:30pm, Gretna, Picnic at Peterson Park, 200 West Angus St. (Credentials open at 11:30 am)

### Winter TLI

Saturday, December 1 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) Lincoln, The Graduate, 141 N 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Note: Club Offices will receive TLI credit.

### Toastmasters International Conference -

August 23 – 26 – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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About the Double Dozen

The District 24 Double Dozen Newsletter is published on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month by the Toastmasters District 24 Public Relations Team. We welcome your suggestions for articles for future newsletters. Please submit your comments, articles, or ideas to [prm.d24tm@gmail.com](mailto:prm.d24tm@gmail.com). Submission deadline for completed articles is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month. Include your contact information so we can verify the information.