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Are You Ready to Party?



Let's show the New Year in by celebrating the successes of 2016 – 2017! The Year-end celebration is August 12 at Peterson Park in Gretna, Nebraska. The party has a Western theme, so wear your best cowboy hats and boots and be ready for a rootin-tootin good time!

The first order of business is a District Council meeting convening at 12:00 pm. The Credentials table will open at 11:30 am. This meeting has several important votes but will be short so be on time!

The year-end party will take place from 12:30 – 4:30 pm. There will be food, games, and the Of the Year Awards. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss it. Year-end celebration chairperson, Janel Asche, promises a party like none other!

The address for Peterson Park is 200 W Angus St. Gretna, Nebraska. If the weather decides not to cooperate, there is a backup plan. This celebration will take place at Gretna United Methodist Church, 1457 S 204 St (E Angus St & 204 St).

Speaking of awards, nominations for the Of the Year Awards are now being accepted. Do you know a club officer who has done exceptional work over the last year? Nominate them for Officer of the Year. Do you think your club is the best there is in District 24? Nominate it for Club of the Year. There are also nomination forms for Toastmaster of the Year, Toastmaster of the Decade, Area Director of the Year, and Division Director of the Year. Don't delay, the deadline for nominations is July 10.





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NEWSLETTER

News from the District Director

New Beginnings! New Opportunities

Submitted by: *George Volz, District Director*



A new year, a new opportunity to grow. How do you want to grow this year? Are you working to improve professionally? Do you want to grow in self-awareness? Do you want to work

on mental acuity? Social connectedness? Being heard? Hearing better? Making the world better? As your District Director, my hope and vision is to help each member grow in the areas most important to the individual member.

Calm down, I know that the Toastmaster program is not the answer for everything. I do know that we have the tools to help us be a better communicator, a better listener, a better planner, a better team member and the list goes on. This year, I would like to intensify our focus on using these tools to improve ourselves, fellow club members, both prospective and current; and the world.

In Roman mythology, Janus was the two-headed god of beginnings—one head looking back to the past which was in darkness and one head looking forward into the new beginning which is bright. As we begin this year even as we acknowledge all that has gone before which is the foundation upon which we are building, our focus needs to be on this coming year. Like Janus, only this day forward is illuminated and gives us **opportunity**.

What are our opportunities?

Membership. Membership is critical to all our clubs. New members bring diversity. New members bring new energy. New members give current members a chance to teach, share and grow. The challenge for every club is to add new members. Where would your Toastmaster experience be if your club added 4 new members

this month, next month and the month following?

Member Growth. We joined because we wanted to grow. How will you grow this year? How can leadership help you to find the path to growth? As members, mentors, club officers, sponsors, mentors, coaches and district officers, we need to redouble our efforts to make sure everyone benefits from the Toastmaster experience.

As we begin this new Toastmaster year, take a moment to define how you want to grow this year. My heart-felt hope and vision for this year is that every member will grow in the areas most important to them by having fun and using the Toastmaster tools.

This is a new beginning, are you willing to take the journey with us and grow?





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News from the Program Quality Director

New Beginnings!

New Learning

Submitted by: *Glenn Williams, Program Quality Director*



Happy New Year! July is the first month of the 2017-2018 Toastmasters program year, not January. Every July

1, we have new beginnings possible as club members. This creates the opportunity to make new year's speaking and leadership resolutions. Toastmasters is filled with people who plan early and take action to meet their goals throughout the year. One of those people is Lance Miller.

Lance Miller is a world champion public speaker and Toastmasters instructor who has given thousands of speeches in dozens of countries. Lance Miller said in his August 2014 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia speech at the Toastmasters International Convention (see link below) that you become a better speaker by speaking more often. One way to help members accomplish this is for the Vice President Education to work with each member to establish a deadline and write it on the inside of the manual.

Speaking often can prevent us from losing skills. Don't let that new educational award that you just received stop you from continuing to grow. Challenge yourself to set new goals!

Lifelong learning makes life interesting. Always stretch your strengths to meet new goals.

There is a wealth of materials available through Toastmasters. The Competent Communication and Competent Leadership manuals are only the beginning. There are fifteen advanced speaking manuals covering a range of speech areas from Humorously Speaking to Speeches by

Management. There are modules to instruct Youth Leadership (under age 18). There are Speechcraft manuals to give people a brief taste of Toastmasters. These are a few of the resources available to you.

When you earn the Competent Communicator award, you are entitled to two free advanced speaking manuals of your choice. Be sure to take advantage of this freebie.

Lance Miller has many tips. One is to go out there and fail. In Toastmasters, you can be free to be yourself in a safe environment among friends who want to help you to do well. In this safe environment, feel comfortable with failing often.

The times we fail are the times that we learn the most. We do not learn as much from our successes, but we are assured to learn something from our failures. Use failure as the propelling force to new beginnings for you and your fellow club members. The growth opportunities are unlimited.

Use the new Toastmasters year to strive for new challenges and opportunities. Do something different than you have always done. Consider Toastmasters to be an integral part of lifelong learning. Explore all that Toastmasters has available, which may be more than you know. Take a calculated risk among friends. Start early and repeat often. This is a time of new beginnings. Once again, Happy New Year!

Lance Miller – 2014 Toastmasters International speech in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKU9yLarHKE>.





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News from the Club Growth Director

New Beginnings!

New Growth

Submitted by: Linda Wilson, Club Growth Director



We have an exciting Toastmasters year ahead of us! I look forward to serving as your District 24 Club Growth Director. This year, I encourage you to build on your previous successes. Aim high and stretch wide. The sky is truly the limit!

When I joined Toastmasters, I never dreamed I would take on leadership roles beyond the club level. As I learned from each role, first as Area Director, then Division Director, I gained the knowledge, confidence and support of my fellow Toastmasters to push myself to accept new challenges, including this new role. I ask you to do the same – say “yes” to those opportunities to learn and grow.

It is often said that Toastmasters is a “best kept secret” – if more people knew about it, they would want to take advantage of the many opportunities it provides. How has Toastmasters benefited you? How has it helped you to grow as an individual and to advance in your job, in your community, or in life in general? Whatever it is, go and tell somebody! Invite your co-workers, friends, family, acquaintances and even strangers to your club or another club that is convenient to them. Continuously share and demonstrate the value and growth you’ve received from your Toastmasters experience.

As your Club Growth Director, here are some things I ask of you to continue to grow as a leader and to ensure that you maintain a healthy club:

- Invite as many people to your club meetings as possible and give them a warm welcome;
- Participate in membership campaigns to earn club awards and recognition;
- Encourage people to join Toastmasters, striving to sponsor at least 1 new member;
- Work together to ensure your club has/maintains at least 20 members;
- Pay your membership dues early; and
- Inform your Area Director of an organization or community wanting to start a new club.

By doing these things, we can achieve our goals to retain current members, increase club and membership growth. We will also continually work to build and maintain strong mentoring programs within our clubs and ensure that we have coaches, mentors and sponsors prepared to help our new clubs.

Remember the words of Henry Ford: “if everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.” As your leader, I want you to be inspired to achieve greatness, believe in the possibilities and constantly strive to give your best effort while participating in your Toastmasters growth...and have fun along the way!

As the 2017-2018 Toastmaster year gets under way, I want to thank you for your support and encouragement as I undertake this new role. By working together, we will make District 24 the best that it can be!



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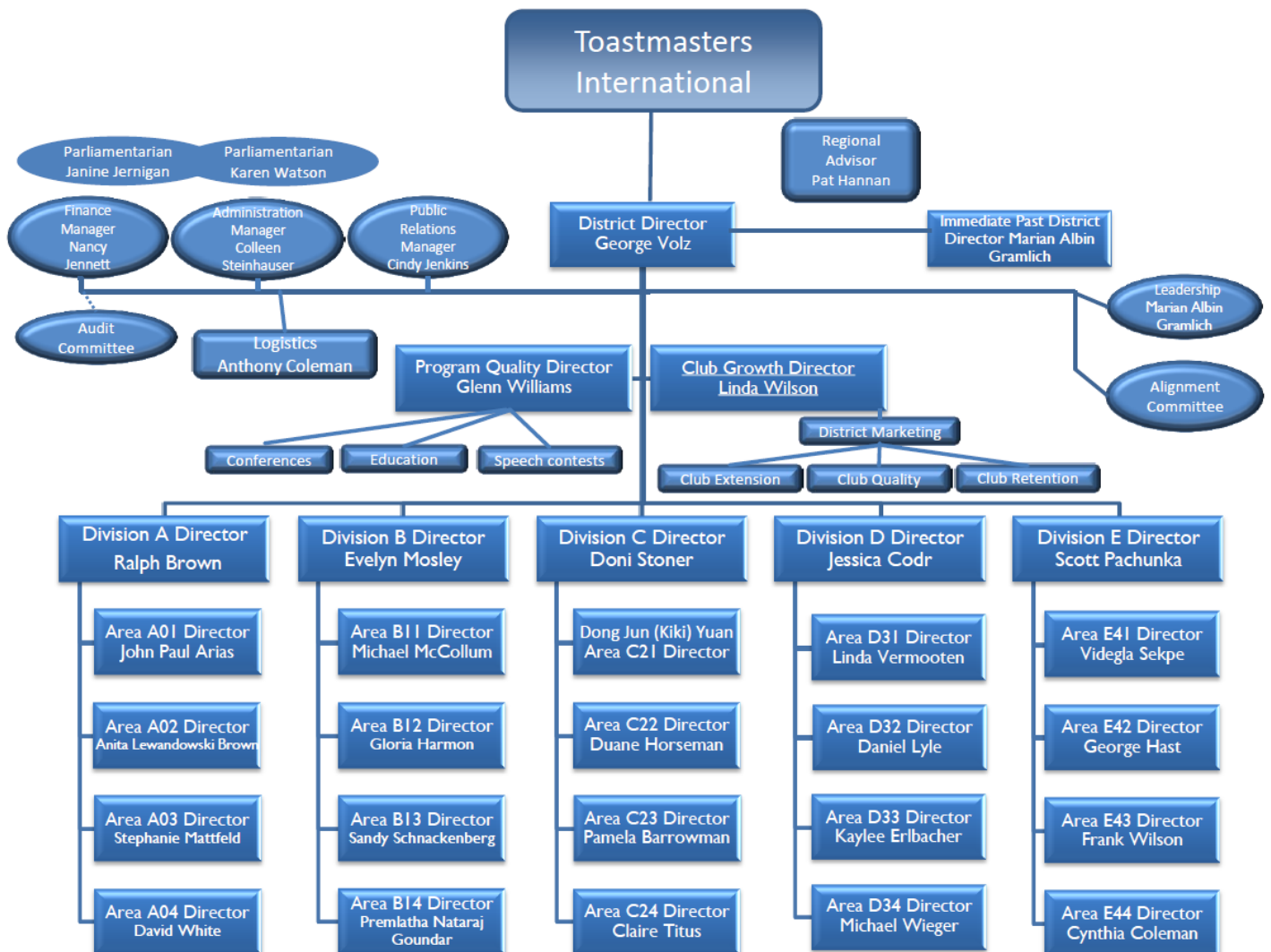
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2017 – 2018 District Executive Council

New Beginnings!

Introducing the 2017 – 2018 District 24 Executive Council

More information is available on d24tm.org under Meet Our District Leaders.





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News on Pathways and TLI

Toastmasters Pathways

Submitted by: Kathy Henvey, Chief Ambassador



In the Chief Ambassador update from Toastmasters International, the following Pathways information was received.

- The Pathways pilot is complete and regional Rollout 1 is beginning in Region 14. Club visits are underway. Ambassadors and Pathways Guides have already begun their club visits in Region 14 to provide a Pathways overview.
- There are several Pathways misconceptions currently circulating among members. One common misconception is that current members won't be able to continue working in the traditional education program once they start Pathways. This is incorrect. Current members will be able to use both programs for two years once Pathways rolls out in the last region. However, new members who join clubs where Pathways has already rolled out will only be able to work in Pathways.
- Pathways glossaries now are available in French and Simplified Chinese. On May 30, 2017, District 51, which was part of the Pathways pilot, launched Pathways in Simplified Chinese and became the first district to feature a language other than English. Still being developed are glossaries in Spanish, German, Arabic, Portuguese, Japanese and Traditional Chinese.

Please let me know if I may answer any questions you have about Pathways. My email address is kathyhenvey@gmail.com.

Summer TLI Registration is Open!

Registration for the 6 summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) training sessions is now open! Here is the information and registration links:

Session 1 – Norfolk, July 15, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm
First Choice Catering, 1110 S. 9th St
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-15-2017-registration-35584832191>

Session 2 – Lincoln, July 18, 5:00 - 9:30 pm, First Mennonite Church, 7300 Holdrege St.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-18-2017-registration-35584880335>

Session 3 – Lincoln, July 22, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm,
First Mennonite Church, 7300 Holdrege St.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-22-2017-registration-35584922461>

Session 4 – Omaha, July 25, 5:00 - 9:30 pm, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, 1919 Aksarben Drive
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-25-2017-registration-35584945530>

Session 5 – Grand Island, July 29, 7:30 am – 12:00 pm, HyVee, 115 Wilmar Ave.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-29-2017-registration-35584963584>

Session 6 – Gretna, August 12, 7:30 am – 12:00 pm, Gretna United Methodist Church, 11457 S. 204th St
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-august-12-2017-registration-35584994677>

For more information on TLI, contact District 24 Program Quality Director Glenn Williams (glennlw@gmail.com).



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News from Around the District

News for Division C

Submitted by: *Doni Stoner, Division C Director*

When I was asked to be Spring Conference Chair, it was appealing. Why? Because of the theme: *TEAM CHAMPION; Toastmasters Empowering and Motivating; Together, Everyone, Achieves, More*. One of my favorite things is TEAM building, filling my TEAM with people who are quicker and brighter than I. It was an obvious choice asking Claire to be Spring Conference Co – Chair. She is an exceptional leader.

As Division C Director, it was natural to continue the momentum of *TEAM CHAMPIONS; Together, Everyone, Achieves More*. After examining the two positions available, Assistant Division Director Program Quality and Assistant Division Director Club Growth, fairly quickly I realized that the Toastmasters I identified as potential Division C Leaders were very busy people. So, what did I do? I took a chance and asked if I could break out these positions. It is my great pleasure to introduce to you the **Division C TEAM CHAMPIONS:**

Dongjun (Kiki) Yuan, Area C21 Director

Duane Horseman, Area C22 Director

Pam Barrowman, Area C23 Director

Claire Titus, Area C24 Director, Division C Secretary

Laurel A. Shoaff, Assistant Division C Director – Project Specific

Brice Middleton, Assistant Division C Director – Project Specific

Diana Schilf, Assistant Division C Director – Project Specific

Jacob Lawson, Assistant Division C Director – Technology

Charlotte-Duncan-Wagner, Assistant Division C Director Club Growth – Existing Clubs

Phyllis Thesier, Assistant Division C Director Club Growth – New Clubs

We are a TEAM...We support one another through TEAM WORK, and show TEAM SPIRIT while serving. We are **Division C TEAM CHAMPIONS!**

News for Division D

Submitted by: *Jessica Codr, Division D Director*

What do you enjoy most about Toastmasters? What would you like to see improve about your Toastmasters experience? These are two of the questions I've asked members of Division D on a survey I sent out in mid-May. Since then, I have been pleased to receive 35 responses from members of Division D clubs. Read on for what I've found out so far.

Members of Division D clubs enjoy the **opportunities** that Toastmasters provides to them: opportunities for **networking, speaking, and learning** especially. They also find joy from the **people** they meet in Toastmasters. Below is a word cloud compiled from all 35 responses to the question: "**What do you enjoy the most about Toastmasters?**" The bigger the word, the more often survey responders used it in answering this question.



As Toastmasters, we are always looking to improve. In response to the question "**What would you like to see improve or change about your Toastmasters experience?**" I got suggestions that we can improve in several key categories. These areas include: **more events outside the club**, more visibility into **communication above the club level**, and promoting a better understanding of **educational awards and goal-setting**. As the new Toastmasters year starts, my Division D leadership team and I will be looking for ways to improve in these and other areas noted on the survey.

If you have any feedback or suggestions you'd like to share about your Toastmasters experience, I'd love to hear your thoughts! If you are a member of a Division D club and have not already completed the Division D Toastmasters Feedback Survey, you can still do so by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTMYV6H>. I also welcome your input via email. I can be reached at jcake2@gmail.com. With insights into your passions and suggestions for improvement, I hope to help you make this Toastmasters year a great one!



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Congratulations to These Distinguished Clubs!

The following Clubs and Areas finished the 2016 – 2017 year in the distinguished category.

President's Distinguished (14 clubs)

Kearney Toastmasters Club 1799
Gateway Club 1101
RoadToasters Toastmasters 1761
Dell Services - Toast of the Town 1867646
See Us Speak 2299389
Omaha Toastmasters Club 281
Small Talkers Club 3194
Capitol Voices Club 1800
Southeast Toasters 2742
Blue Ah Busters Club 6757
Mutual Of Omaha Club 807953
Why Not Speak Toastmasters 3222923
OPPD Toastmasters Club 455
Offutt Toastmasters Club 2393

Select Distinguished (6 clubs)

Flatrock Toastmasters 3220987
Tally Ho Toastmasters Club 1826
Prime Time Toastmasters Club 8111
Bank on Toastmasters Club 651085
Rail Talkers Club 3420
Royal Babblers Toastmasters Club 2924461

Distinguished (3 clubs)

Southwest Toastmasters Club 804779
Tenaska Nebraska Toastmasters (TNT) 4772663
NEI Global Relocation Toastmasters Club 2263171

Distinguished Areas

Areas A3, A4, B12, B13, and D44

It took teamwork to achieve these honors!
Congratulations to all distinguished clubs and areas!

Annual Lincoln Toastmaster Summer Picnic

Toastmasters from around Division C and Area A04 gathered for the annual Summer Picnic hosted by the Fairview Toastmasters Club at Roberts Park 56th & A. There were 45 present for the group installation of Club Officers officiated by Linda Wilson, Club Growth Director for District 24. Other District Officers present were Glenn Williams Program Quality Director, Doni Stoner Division C Director, Claire Titus Area C24 Director, Jean Dier PDG and 2016 – 2017 Division C Director, and Jean Kolar 2016 – 2017 Assistant Division C Director.

Christian Beard led the Invocation before the Toastmaster Nancy Harris directed the group for the picnic. The Toastmasters enjoyed each other's company and the fabulous pot luck that followed. The evening entertainment was provided by Tom & Wes who played guitars and sang old favorites from the 60's for the crowd. It was a great celebration to wrap up the 2016-2017 TM year. Thank you to everyone for your hard work to make District 24 TM an outstanding representative for Toastmasters International.





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District 24 Mini Calendar

District 24 Dates to Remember – For more details check d24tm.org, District 24 Calendar

Norfolk TLI Session – July 15, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-15-2017-registration-35584832191>

Lincoln TLI Session #1 – July 18, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-18-2017-registration-35584880335>

Lincoln TLI Session #2 – July 22, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-22-2017-registration-35584922461>

Omaha TLI Session – July 25, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-25-2017-registration-35584945530>

Grand Island TLI Session – July 29, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-july-29-2017-registration-35584963584>

Gretna TLI Session – August 12, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/round-1-tli-august-12-2017-registration-35584994677>

District Council Meeting – August 12, Peterson Park, Gretna, NE, Credentials Table Opens 11:30, Meeting at 12:00 pm

End of Year Celebration – August 12, Peterson Park, Gretna, NE, 12:30 – 4:30 pm

International Conference - August 23 – 26 – Vancouver, British Columbia

Registration is Open for the 2017 International Conference

Make plans to attend the 2017 International Toastmasters Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia. You can register by going to the following link:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/Events/2017-International-Convention/Registration-options>

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Toastmasters from around the world and see the next World Champion Speaker crowned!



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