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District 24

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*The 2018-2019 Trio Members and
Division Directors. From Left to right,
Laurel Shoaff, Jessica Codr, Cynthia
Coleman, Glenn Williams, Mark Fegan,
Linda Wilson, Gloria Harmon, John Paul
Arias*

It is time to Celebrate!

Life is too short not to celebrate nice moments!

Jurgen Klopp

This is a year to celebrate for District 24, it is celebrating its 70th anniversary of being a District! Not only that, but we are going full steam with the new Pathways program! There are great things in store for District 24 in the 2018-2019 year, and it will take all members.

Let us all commit to making this a stellar year and show our little corner of the world how amazing Toastmasters and District 24 really is!

Jacob Lawson

District 24 Public Relations Manager



2018-2019 District, Division and Area Directors



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New Ideas!

Focus on Members

Submitted by: *Glenn Williams, District Director*



Focus on existing members just as much as you would the new member and the guest. We want to retain as many members as possible. If they are feeling without direction, the only thing they may be staying for is the social club aspect.

If we realize that, maybe sit down and ask what new goals they want to set for themselves. This will pay itself forward



to this year and into next year. It may be as simple as finishing up one or two speeches or a manual / level! The larger goals will go into the next year. Don't wait to reach out! They need inspiration from networking with others who have plans. Ambition sometimes encourages ambition.

Stay in touch with the members and recent guests you don't see at the meeting. Keep them in the loop, take photos, or show them what they missed through story. Make the experience exciting enough that the photo or story will show that. Reconnect with former guests if you have their info. I give the example of the member who joined after 12 years of the club's emails. Who would have thought the woman would wait until her children were out of the house and then connect with this club she has never seen in 12 years. All because you took the initiative of staying in touch with her, even when it looked in the short term like that would be a lost cause.

Look at the long term. Our lives may often have short term focus, the Distinguished Club Program may be a year's focus for example, but the payoff of reconnecting the member may actually lie in the long term.

I know one past area director that decided to step up to district leadership because of this video circulated a previous year. It is of Lance Miller when he was in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia for the International Convention.

Lance Miller as you know was at Kearney at our district conference this spring. I include this video to encourage the spreading of the ideas there. It may plant the seed for the recruitment of a future area director through its spread to other people who forward this onward.

We cannot wait for someone to make the first move. We are in charge of our own club's destiny. Most importantly, we are in charge of our own destiny. We are in charge of our own Toastmasters education. Resolve we will no longer be a spectator in our own lives.

Lance Miller's Speech in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKU9yLarHKE>



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New Ideas!

New M.O.V.E.s - Make Every Move Count!

Submitted by: *Linda Wilson, Program Quality Director*



Welcome to a brand-new Toastmasters year! That's right...on July 1st we started with a blank slate, as we look forward to the opportunity to set and achieve new goals – for ourselves, our clubs,

areas, divisions and district. Think of all the possibilities, all the **moves** we can make toward an even better year than the one before! Or, for some, another stellar year! What's more, unlike the traditional New Year's goals we make on January 1st, these **moves** don't involve physical exertion or weight loss!



But where to start? The

Greek philosopher Socrates stated, "Let him that would **move** the world first **move** himself." It starts with each one of us. What do you want to achieve this year? Do you want to get started on the Pathways learning experience by taking the assessment that helps guide you to a path? Are you ready to take a deep dive into one of the 10 learning paths and give your Ice Breaker speech, the first Pathways project? Or, perhaps you're already beyond the initial stages and headed full speed along your path, ready for another level, all the way to Level 5 and completion of a path. Kudos to all... you are **moving** toward your goals!

Maybe you are among those who have chosen to continue with the legacy Toastmasters program, the one most of us have become familiar with over

the years, until it officially comes to a close in June 2020. This also provides additional time needed by some to complete projects that are in progress and achieve awards, including the Distinguished Toastmaster designation. That's the beauty of Toastmasters; there are so many opportunities, and everyone is working at their own pace to achieve their individual goals! Not to mention having fun along the way as we network and make new friends!

As your Program Quality Director, I'm here to help and encourage you along your chosen path(s) toward achieving your educational goals, to make those moves toward excellence. Perhaps you are ready to take it a step further, to reach out to your community, to share with others how you have learned and benefited from Toastmasters. Again, that's the beauty of Toastmasters, to take what we have learned, find ways to incorporate it into our daily lives and share it with others.

This ties right in with the theme that our District Director, Glenn Williams, has set for the year ahead with the acronym **M.O.V.E.** – **M**entoring, **O**utreach, **V**isibility and **E**ducation. We want to mentor our future leaders, increase **outreach** to those who can benefit from Toastmasters, while gaining greater **visibility** in our communities, and continuing to focus on the hallmark of Toastmasters, **education** – to learn and grow together.

Does this sound like fun? As Toastmasters founder Ralph Smedley stated, "We learn best in moments of enjoyment." Join me, hop on board, and let's get started on a fantastic Toastmasters year, as we make every **move** count!



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New Ideas!

T.B.S.D.S.P.S.I.P

Submitted by: *Mark Fegan, Club Growth Director*



T.B.S.D.S.P.S.I.P. – *Team Based, Self Directed, Self Paced, Self Improvement Project.* That phrase describes my vision of Toastmasters is of a local, club based, grass roots organization. This vision is due to my own early experience as a Toastmaster.

Back in 2009, I joined River City Speakers, Toastmasters Club 5779. Although I was, slightly, aware of a larger Toastmasters organization (the manuals and Toastmaster magazine were dead giveaways), River City Speakers was where I attended meeting, worked on projects in my manuals, received feedback, etc. As I became more involved with the club, I started acting as a team member for other members and the club as a whole.

Over time I became more aware of, and involved with, Toastmasters outside of my home club, but most of my accomplishments were due to my work in, and the support from, my home club.

When I joined River City, there was a core of about 8 active members: all of the active members were experienced speakers (I was the only newbie at the time); two of the active members had earned DTMs. With two speeches per meeting and two meetings per month, I was lucky to get one speaking slot per month. But it was always my responsibility to work with the VPE to schedule those speaking slots as well as the other meeting roles. That's being both Self Directed and Self Paced.



It took me a year, after giving my ice breaker, to complete my Competent Communication manual.

By that time, however, I had also filled a number of meeting roles and was elected to a club office.

Toastmasters is big on mentoring, but I don't recall ever having a mentor. Every member of the club helped me to be successful although a couple of them, Randy and Becky, acted as prodders and encouraged me to try new things and expand my horizons.

What I experienced that first year was actually two things: first, in Toastmasters you learn by doing and secondly, Toastmasters works best when all members are engaged and helping each other. There is no way to complete any project in any manual without the help of your club.

With this background in mind, I firmly believe that club growth depends on engaged club members working the program. Whether you see club growth as adding members to your club or adding new clubs to an area, division, and district, an engaged membership that supports individual accomplishment will result in an atmosphere that will promote growth at all levels.

How will you help your club grow this month?



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Why had I waited?

Submitted by: *Claire Titus, DTM and Area C21 Director*



My journey into District leadership in Toastmasters can mostly be characterized as a race, by a very slow turtle. I did not have a five-year

plan to get my Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). I had no plan at all.

I joined Capitol Voices Toastmasters January 1st, 1998. Yes, I know, that was more than 20 years ago. I warned you that I was a turtle.

I finally decided to tackle being VP Education in 2012 and then President in 2013. I finally got serious about working in the Competent Leader Manual and working on some of the advanced designations. I was still pretty much in “turtle” mode until 2017.

June 2017-I received an invitation to the Fairview Toastmasters Summer picnic. I encouraged all of the clubs to attend. This was held in Robert’s Park in the vicinity of 56th Street and Sumner. My husband Steve attended and we brought our dog, Danica. We had good food and witnessed the largest officer induction ceremony I had ever seen.

My first visit to the Good Neighbor Club at State Farm started off a bit rocky in June 2017. You might say, the turtle got lost on the first visit. Picture this, a huge campus with two giant buildings. I was to go to the North building. Every door I approached was “Employees Only”. I finally had to call my contact and plead for guidance. Where is that door?

The Thanksgiving Dinner 2017 was good. A member of EC Speakers decided that the “kids

from around the world” who belong to the two college Toastmaster clubs should experience an American Thanksgiving Dinner. We had turkey and all of the fixings. My husband Steve and I were invited so I took the very American, Green bean Casserole. We ate lots of food and had Table Topics to get everyone to talking. Such a fun evening!!

Why had I waited to attend events outside of my own club?

I want to wrap up with my best moments of being an Area Director.

I loved visiting my four clubs. I was amazed how different the meetings were done and still had the basic elements of manual speeches, written and verbal evaluations and Table Topics.

Why had I waited to visit other clubs??

I loved attending the Non-Club Meetings as I got to know even more members in a casual setting. I have not even shared about the Halloween Party 2017, an Area Event that went viral!! This was hosted by Kiki Yuan, Area Director C21 and her clubs. It was held at Madonna and of course had potluck food. There were costumes in abundance. I was a witch!! Kiki led games that were a bit silly and lots of fun. It was a hoot.

Why had I waited to attend events outside of my own club?

This sums up My District Leadership Journey. I have enjoyed my journey as an Area Director 2017-2018 and would not have missed it for the world.



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The Values of Prison Clubs

Submitted by: Karen Watson



Below is an excerpt from an article about a visit to the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI) in

February.

Amber is the Club Coordinator at TSCI (for clubs offered as activities for the inmates, of which Toastmasters is one). She assists the member to congregate. Tonight, there are eight guests 'from outside'.

The presentations are articulate and inspiring. Greg describes his favorite movie, Ground Hogs Day, in which Bill Murray faces the same day over and over and over again. Greg asked us: "How many of you feel your life just going on day after day facing the same things over and over and over again?" Greg shared how he, like Bill Murray, was initially Selfish and irritated about his mundane life. Then, he was Shocked out of his circumstances when he realized that everyone has circumstances over which they have no control. Even so, there is something we can control. We can control our own attitude. We can make a conscious decision to be willing to Serve, thereby making every day a new opportunity - for whatever and whomever comes into our path. In summary, Greg challenged us; when we think our lives are dull and repetitive,

Table Topics; all very thought provoking.
#1) What habit would you like most to break? #2) Explain to your mother, who lives only 5 miles away, why you haven't visited her in the past two

months. #3) How would you convince your boss for a raise?

Amber is called upon to answer Table Topic #4, "What motivates you?" (Not being a member, Amber does not have the advantage of a manual to learn the finer points of public speaking.) The regular club members cheer on Amber as she saunters toward the front. The noise turns to a hush as she begins to speak, "So, what motivates me?"

Stopping instantly when she realizes she has committed the Toastmasters faux pau of saying 'so', Amber turns to the Grammarian and blurts out, "So, you know, like, I'm, um, NOT really motivated by doing table topics - might as well get out all the bad words at the beginning and give you the opportunity to fill your sheet". Chuckles are heard and a few heads nod in agreeance as Amber humbly admits her guilt,

Returning her gaze to the men, Amber continues, "What motivates me is - pause - you guys. (Another, longer pause.) Seeing you guys grow and learn new skills is what motivates me every day. If you don't succeed, I know I haven't been doing my job right; I haven't served you well enough. Because seeing you succeed is what motivates me every day."

Members at TSCI eagerly send a message to District 24, "Our clubs are 'open'. We welcome any one. We allow anyone to visit and subsequently join. We desire to have more members. Please come visit us! You are cordially invited."



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E.C. Speakers wishing District 24 a happy anniversary



Good Neighbor wishing District 24 a happy anniversary

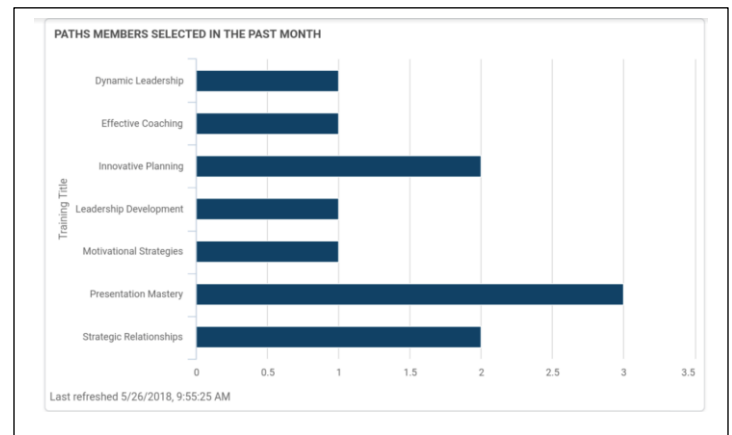
Omaha 281 Celebrates Ten Members in Pathways

Submitted by: Tom Colling

Omaha Toastmasters Club 281 is proud to share an update on Pathways adoptions in our club as of July 1st.

With one member having two Paths, this reflects 11 Paths selected since the rollout on May 3rd.

This chart shows the paths selected. This type of reporting is available to all Base Camp Managers.





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Area A3 News

Submitted by Doni Stoner, Area A3 Director



Area A3 TEAM

Amy Hense, Assistant Area Director

Logan Tuttle, Assistant Area Director

Jen DeRouchey, Assistant Area Director

Tom Kenjosian, Assistant Area Director

Kevin Winnik, Assistant Area Director

Area A3 Team Meeting

The first Area A3 TEAM Meeting was held on Sunday, June 24, 2018, 6:30 – 7:30pm, Gere Library, Lincoln, NE. We had three speakers and lively discussion.



Doni Stoner, Area A3 Director, Speaker One

Doni Stoner, Area A3 Director, speech title, "All About Area Council." She answered; Who serves on the Area Council, What does the Area Council do, When does the Area Council Meet, Where does the Area Council Meet, and Why Me?



Word of Wisdom as Area Director

Claire shared, "I am amazed how different the meetings were done and still had the basic elements of manual speeches, written and verbal evaluations and Table Topics. She loved attending the Non-Club Meetings and got to know even more Toastmaster members in a casual setting. This was an inspirational speech with fun stories and encouraging words.



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Registration for Summer TLI Sessions is Now Open!

Registration for the 4 summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) training sessions is now open! This is the opportunity for all District 24 Toastmasters to learn what is new for 2018 – 2019. It is also a chance to meet other Toastmasters and hear what they are doing in their clubs, areas, and divisions.

Here is the information and registration links:

Session 2: July 17, 2018, First Mennonite Church, 7300 Holdrege St, Lincoln, 5:00 – 9:00 pm.

<https://summer-round1-tli-first-mennonite-church-lincoln.eventbrite.com>

Session 3: July 21, 2018, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 1919 Aksarben Drive, Omaha, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.

<https://summer-tli-round1-blue-cross-blue-shield-omaha.eventbrite.com>

Session 4: July 28, 2018, HyVee 115 Wilmar Ave, Grand Island, NE 68803, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm.

<https://summer-tli-round1-hyvee-grand-island.eventbrite.com>

NEW Session 5: August 18, 2018, Vine Congregational United Church of Christ 1800 Twin Ridge Rd, Lincoln, NE 68506 10:30 am – 2:30 pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-tli-round-1-session-5-vine-congregational-church-lincoln-tickets-47905740359>

There will be other division level dates for club training announced later to ensure all club officers are trained. Contact Linda Wilson, District 24 Program Quality Director for 2018 – 2019 for more information (lindawilson.d24tm@gmail.com).





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HOW FULLY CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS? *Submitted by Karen Watson*



While members seldom join organizations to attend meetings, the success of a meeting depends on the ability of its members to know and use parliamentary procedure. The National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) distributes a document called 'The Body of Knowledge' (BOK) which sets the standards {in three Domains} of what ordinary members of a voluntary society 'should know and be able to do' in order to fully participate in meetings of an organization or a committee. Domain 3, Rules, states that members should know how to read, and be able to demand enforcement of, the documented rules of the organization.

Take this self-test to see how well your parliamentary knowledge will allow you to fully participate in meetings. The information has been adapted to the Toastmasters (TM) organization. Tally one point for every questions you answer 'yes'.

1. I know where the bylaws of TM International are located.
2. I know where the bylaws of my club are located.
3. I know the parliamentary authority of TM.
4. I know the location of the prescription of the parliamentary authority of TM.
5. I know the distinction between the role of Bylaws and parliamentary authority.
6. I know the standard organization of a TM Club per the Club Constitution.

7. I know the purpose of a *Parliamentary Inquiry*, how to raise one, and how to 'second' one.
8. I know the purpose of a *Request for Information*, how to raise one, and how to 'second' one.
9. I know the purpose of a *Point of Order*, how to move one, and how to 'second' one.
10. I know the purpose of an *Appeal*, how to move one, and how to 'second' one.

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Up to 4 points: less than basic knowledge of 'how to participate' in a meeting. Your lack of knowledge limits you to just listening to others as they move motions to lead the organization. By learning more, you will be able to substantially contribute to debate.

Between 5 and 9 points: a good start on average knowledge. But, be careful! You know 'just enough to be dangerous'. Unless you acquire more knowledge, your actions and motions to participate can be easily preceded by someone who knows more than you.

10 points: Congratulations! Yet, don't boast. There are two more Domains in which you should be proficient in order to fully participate in meetings.

Parliamentary Education is an objective of TM (Bylaws Article 1, Section 2, d.) The skill of using parliamentary procedure is transferrable to other organizations (85% of organizations in the U.S. use *Robert's Rules of Order*.) Seek to learn more. Find resources on the internet or read *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised IN BRIEF*.

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ANSWERS TO: HOW FULLY CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS?

- 1) Click Leadership Central. Click Governing Documents. This section contains the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the District Administrative Bylaws, and Club Constitution.
- 2) Toastmasters clubs do not have 'bylaws' per se; they have a Club Constitution.
- 3) The parliamentary authority for TM is *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* prescribed in the bylaws "Article XIII: Miscellaneous, Section 5: Rules of Order, a."
- 4) See Answer 3.
- 5) Bylaws pertain principally to the organization itself. See *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR) (11th edition), p. 12, ll. 8-11. Parliamentary procedure facilitates the smooth functioning of the assembly and to provide a firm basis for resolving questions of procedure that may arise." See *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR) (11th edition), p. 15, ll. 7-13.
- 6) The standard organization of a TM Club is:

Article I Purpose	Article V Quorum and Voting	Articles IX Rules of Order
Article II Membership	Article VI Officers	Article X Affiliation
Article III Fee and Dues	Article VII Committees	Article XI Legal Status and Dissolution
Article IV Meetings and Notice	Article VIII Duties of Officers	Article XII Amendments to Club Constitution

- 7) A *Parliamentary Inquiry* is used to ask for the correct procedure; raised by standing and saying, "Parliamentary Inquiry!" *Parliamentary Inquiry* requires no second.
- 8) A *Request for Information* is used to ask for information; raised by standing and saying, "Request for Information!" *Request for Information* requires no second.
- 9) A *Point of Order* is used to point out and/or prevent a violation or breach of rules; moved by standing and saying, "Point of Order!" *Point of Order* requires no second.
- 10) An *Appeal* is used to put a decision on a ruling of the Chair before the assembly; moved by standing and saying, "I appeal from the decision of the chair." A second of an *Appeal* is made by saying (from one's seat), "I second the Appeal."



Area A3 Director and Assistants wishing District 24 a happy anniversary



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2018-2019 District Executive Committee



Glenn Williams, DTM
District Director



Linda Wilson, DTM
Program Quality Director



Mark Fegan, DTM
Club Growth Director



Nancy Jennett, ACB, ALB
Administration Manager



Cindy Jenkins, DTM
Finance Manager



Jacob Lawson, ACG, ALB
Public Relations Manager



George Volz, DTM
Immediate Past District Director



John Paul Arias, DTM
Division A Director



Gloria Harmon, ACS, ALB
Division B Director



Laurel Shoaff-Tranick, ACB, ALB
Division C Director



Jessica Codr, DTM
Division D Director



Cynthia Coleman, DTM
Division E Director

Anthony Coleman
Logistics Manager, 2019 Conference Chair

Colleen Steinhauser, ACB, ALB
Parliamentarian, 2019 Conference Chair



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Area Directors

Abraham Hogins
Area A01 Director

Stephanie Mattfeld
Area A02 Director

Doni Stoner
Area A03 Director

Kimberly Spicka
Area B11 Director

Arthur Lyle
Area B12 Director

Sheron Ponnambath
Area B13 Director

Sandeep Puniya
Area B14 Director

Claire Titus
Area C21 Director

Pam Barrowman
Area C22 Director

Candi Sanders
Area C23 Director

Sook Young Jun
Area C24 Director

Nicole Rossito
Area D31 Director

Daniel Lyle
Area D32 Director

Teresa Hunter
Area D33 Director

Debbie Rodriguez
Area D34 Director

Annie Dunn
Area E41 Director

Jeremy Franks
Area E42 Director

Cynric Whitaker
Area E43 Director

David Gillis
Area E44 Director



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

July 10 Summer TLI Session 1 – Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha

July 14 DEC/DOT Meeting 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha

July 17 Summer TLI Session 2 – First Mennonite Church, Lincoln

July 21 Summer TLI Session 3 – Blue Cross Blue Shield, Omaha

July 28 Summer TLI Session 4 – Bosselman's, Grand Island

August 18 Summer TLI Session 5 – Vine Congregational Church, Lincoln

August 22 – 25 Toastmasters International Conference, Chicago

For more information on these events, please go to the district calendar on d24tm.org.

How to Submit Items to the District Calendar

Is your club, area, or division hosting a special event or celebrating a special milestone?

Would you like to publicize it on the District 24 calendar for all to see? Here's how. Send an email to d24calendar@gmail.com with the following information:

- Event Title and purpose
- Event Date along with Start and End Time
- Event Location with complete street address. If there is a building name, please include that information too.
- Contact name along with an email where questions can be sent. This is important especially if you want to have RSVPs to prepare material or refreshments.

The email should be sent as far in advance as possible so anyone looking at the calendar will see it. If you have questions about how to submit an entry to the calendar, you can send them to d24calendar@gmail.com or prm.d24tm@gmail.com. Let's fill up the calendar with all the special events in the coming months!



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About the Double Dozen

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