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Our keynote speaker for the District 24 Spring Conference is Ed Tate, 2000 World Champion of Public Speaking. As a speaker, Ed is respected and sought after throughout the world. To date, he has spoken professionally in all 50 states, 24 countries and on five continents.

Election Results are In!

On October 24, 2017 District 24 hosted its first ever Virtual District council meeting.

All Presidents and Vice Presidents Education, as well as members of District Executive Council were invited to sit in on a council meeting where the district budget was presented, and annual reports were given by several members. Concluding this meeting several things were put to a vote: the proposed district budget, proposed district success plan, and all appointed

positions including the area directors. Voting was allowed from 7:00 pm on October 24 to midnight of October 27. With the final count of all ballots, everything passed! The district budget and success plan can be viewed on the district website in the public downloads folder.





From Around the District

New M.O.V.E.s

New Leaders and New Ideas

Submitted by: Glenn Williams, District Director



This is the time of year where we begin the star search for new leaders who can bring in new ideas. I have named Immediate Past District Director George Volz to be the chair of the District Leadership Committee to find

leaders for the 2019-2020 Toastmasters year. This is the committee which makes sure all elected district offices at our 2019 Annual Conference have qualified candidates with no vacancies. They review the application forms that you fill out. Please fill one out if you qualify as stated for those roles. They can also forward to the incoming District Director those who were interested to be appointed.

We want people who are ready for their role. Former Area Directors who are ready to be Division Directors. Former Area and Division Directors who are ready to be in the Trio or to be in support of the Trio.



Anyone can be a leader. People can grow quickly into being a leader. Challenges and experiences grow people into leaders. The road of leadership is not always smoothly paved nor is it always predictable.

The biggest concern is when potential leaders fail to step forward, who fail to fill out an application form for the potential role. When leaders have to be forced into place with little to no background after no one steps forward. This is when we reach far and wide to find someone willing to run.

Every generation needs new fresh leaders to step forward. Starting at the first and most ideal step of district leadership is the role of Area Director. This is the office which does not get elected but instead appointed later by the incoming District Director. The role of Area Director is the entry point to begin understanding district leadership from the inside. This provides the entry pool to find people to run for elected district offices.

While the passion of leadership runs fresh, their new ideas or new approaches to familiar ideas can serve as the rocket fuel to driving the district further down the road to newfound success. There are reasons those ideas may work, some of which involve working quickly while leaders are in a honeymoon period of hope and idealism. Life as a leader becomes busier and more distracted as time passes for some. For other leaders, the road may begin bumpy but in that challenging journey they forge a steely resolve that propels them forward after a defining moment of clarity or epiphany. Their success comes later after much determination and hard work.

I highly recommend stepping forward as a leader, such as next spring when your incoming District Director contacts you to be one of their appointed offices on the District Executive Committee as either an Area Director, Public Relations Manager, Finance Manager, Administrative Manager, Logistics Manager, or Parliamentarian. For those who have had some district experience, I encourage you to step forward when George Volz and the District Leadership Committee begins searching for elected district officers. The rewards are personal growth and new bonds of friendship that last for years to come.



From Around the District

New M.O.V.E.s

A Cornucopia of Blessings

Submitted by: Linda Wilson, Program Quality Director



During this season of Thanksgiving, now is the perfect time to pause and reflect on our many blessings and express gratitude to those who have made a difference in our lives,

including our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and those who have helped us on our Toastmasters journey. As American author William Ward said, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." How true!

Also, as we become immersed in our daily routines, family commitments, work deadlines, and other obligations, we often take for granted the basic

necessities of life that aren't available to millions throughout the world; many right in our own communities. It is easy to lose touch if we don't regularly assess our priorities.



Just as a cornucopia represents the wealth and abundance in our lives, this also reflects reality for most of us, as the pluses greatly outnumber the minuses. We are richly blessed! Once we take the time to consider this, everything gradually comes back into focus and we can approach our lives with a fresh perspective. We can think of ways to make a difference where it matters most.

When I take the time to contemplate my blessings and the gratitude that I feel for others, Toastmasters always enters the picture at some point. Why? Because Toastmasters has filled a

need in my life, helping to bring meaning and fulfillment through friendships, mentoring, communication, education, and leadership opportunities. It has also helped me to find ways to reach out to others outside of my comfort zone. How has Toastmasters enriched your life?

As you reflect on how Toastmasters has benefited you, and as you remember someone in particular who has made a difference, I encourage you to take a moment to send an email, handwritten note or better yet, pick up the phone and call that person to express your appreciation. You may be surprised at the results, both for you and the recipient of your gesture. It is well worth the effort!

I want to take this opportunity to express gratitude to all who helped with planning, organizing and implementing the "Toastmasters LIVE!" educational event on October 20 at Nebraska Methodist College in Omaha. It exemplified a great team effort and everyone was a "star of the show!" While there are too many names to mention here, special thanks go to event co-chairs Jessica Codr, Division D Director; and Scott Pachunka, District 24 Club Retention Chair. Congratulations to all! May this be the beginning of a great fall tradition!

Here is my acronym for THANKFUL as a reminder of the blessings and opportunities we realize each day as Toastmasters:

T eamwork

H appiness

A ppreciation

N ew Opportunities

K nowledge

F riendships, Feedback

U nderstanding

L aughter, Learning



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New M.O.V.E.s

Team Work

Submitted by: Mark Fegan, Club Growth Director



To many Toastmasters in District 24, TEAM is an acronym that represents the phrase *Together Everyone Achieves More*. As I discussed in an earlier Double Dozen article (July

2018), I see Toastmasters as a *Team-Based*, *Self-Directed*, *Self-Paced*, *Self-Improvement Program*. It is this physical team I want to discuss in this month's article. Simply stated, no one can progress in Toastmasters without the support of a team. This is a team made up of your fellow Toastmasters; without support, no one can accomplish any educational goals.

As a mental exercise, consider the team that supported your journey to your present Toastmasters educational level. As you are doing that, I'll give you an idea of the scope of the team that supported my quest to achieve Distinguished Toastmaster.

- On the Communication Path, I completed 40 manual projects, two presentations from the Successful Club Series and a longer presentation from the Success/Leadership Series. Yes, I prepared and presented all those presentations, but was evaluated by another Toastmaster all of whom were part of my team on my quest for DTM.
- On the Leadership path, I fulfilled 20
 meeting roles as well as successfully
 completing club and district officer roles. I
 also gave two presentations in the
 Successful Club Series and completed a

High-Performance Leadership Project. In each case, I was either evaluated or led/worked with a team of my fellow Toastmasters.

Over the course of my journey to DTM, I was assisted by at least twenty-five of my fellow Toastmasters. (Unfortunately, I have lost count of everybody who helped me to become a Distinguished Toastmaster.) Those Toastmasters were my team! Without their help and support, I most likely would have been yet another statistic: member of Toastmasters for one year, no educational earned.

At the same time, I was earning my DTM I was also helping other Toastmasters reach for and attain their Toastmasters goals. I became a member of others teams, both inside and outside of my clubs. (There was some overlap, of course. I received leadership credit for helping others on their Toastmasters journeys.)

When I received my Distinguished Toastmaster plaque, I took time to recognize and thank my clubs for their support and encouragement on my journey.

So, my fellow Toastmasters, who is on the team that has supported you on your Toastmasters journey? Have you thanked them for their encouragement and support? Who can you support in their Toastmasters journey?

As a TEAM we can all make District 24 great again.



From Around the District

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL CALL FOR 2019-2020 CANDIDATES IN DISTRICT 24!

Submitted by: George Volz, Immediate Past District Director

At our District 24 Conference, scheduled for April 26-28, 2019 during the Business

Meeting, the following leaders will be elected:

District Director
Program Quality Director
Club Growth Director
Division A Director

Division B Director

Division C Director

Division D Director

Division E Director

Consider a district leadership position now! Your voice and experience are needed. Do not miss the opportunity to expand your leadership skills. <u>Click here for the nomination form</u> – you can self-nominate or nominate another leader!

Appointed Offices by the incoming District Director of 2019-2020: Administration Manager, Public Relations Manager, Finance Manager, and Area Directors. If these are of interest, complete the nomination form and they will be submitted to the 2019-2020 District Director when elected!

If you have questions, ask those currently serving or me, the Immediate Past District Director. All candidates must file by December 15 their declaration to run, submission information is included in the form.

Download the nomination form from our d24tm website or contact me. Don't wait, do it now!

George Volz

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End of year awards

Club President of the Year

Pam Hogan, Small Talkers, Club #3194

Club VPE of the Year

Evelyn Mosley, Why Not Speak, Club #3222923

Club VPM of the Year

Jean Kolar Fairview, Club #4284

Club VPPR of the Year

Prakruthi Vishwanath, Omaha Toastmasters Club #281

Club Secretary of the Year

Thomas Colling, Toastmasters Club #281

Club Treasurer of the Year

Angi McAndrew Fairview, Club #4284

Club Sergeant-at-Arms of the Year

Gloria Harmon, Small Talkers, Club # 3194

Circle of Honor 2018

Prem Nataraj



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Ruth M. Kraft Toastmaster of the Year
Claire Titus

Don Smith Toastmaster of the Decade
Roy and Sharon Smith

Area Director of the Year
Kaylee Erlbacher, Area D33

Division Director of the Year
Jessica Codr, Division D

Ann Gold Toastmaster Club of the Year
Omaha Toastmasters Club #281



Division D and Beyond Funletter Submitted by: Jessica Codr, Division D Director



Toastmasters LIVE!

Did you see it live? 57 attendees had a great time at Toastmasters LIVE on October 20. We had fantastic breakout sessions, delicious food, uplifting awards, an inspiring keynote, and exciting speech competitions (which were unofficial and not sanctioned by Toastmasters International). Kari McDermott won the morning competition for new Toastmasters, and Jackie Lee took second place. Marian Gramlich took home the victory for "D24's Got Talent" in the afternoon, and Nicole Rossitto earned second place.



Left image: Kari McDermott receives 1st place from competition Toastmasters Joe Toppi

Right image: Jackie Lee receives 2nd place



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Left to right: Marian Gramlich (1st place), George Hast (competition Toastmaster), Nicole Rossitto (2nd place)

In addition to being home to three of these competition winners, Division D also received the 2017-2018 Division Director of the Year (Jessica Codr) and 2017-2018 Area Director of the Year (Kaylee Erlbacher, for D33) awards at the event.

Feedback from the event has been overwhelmingly positive, with numerous comments made on the great value and food! Thanks to Scott Pachunka (competitions lead & website admin), Jessica Codr (breakouts lead), Frank Wilson (food & awards lead), and the entire planning committee for putting on a fantastic event. If you missed it this time, don't worry! We plan to do this again next year!



Left to right: Kari McDermott, Janel Asche, Diana Behrends, Tom Colling from Mutual of Omaha club.

Pathways Progression

Have you started your path? In the new Pathways program, you can choose from one of 10 paths based on your needs and desires, and then walk that path through 5 levels to attain mastery in the skills you are seeking to improve! Thirteen members of Division D clubs have completed Level 1 in their path of choice and 3 have completed Level 2.

We know Pathways can be confusing, so we're continuing to look for ways to keep people engaged with Pathways and make sure everyone understands the new program. If you have suggestions for how we can improve communication and understanding, let your area or division director know.



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Halloween Party

Submitted by: Claire Titus, Division C Council Secretary

Sponsored by Division C/Area A3 This was held October 27th in Lincoln.



Characters ranged from the "normal looking serial killer with his victim" aka Mark and Rebecca Fegan to a Husker fan aka Cathy Barry.



Master of Ceremonies for the day was none other than Professor McGonagall aka Laurel Shoaff. The "crazy lady" aka Candi Sanders (not pictured) was master of the decorations.



The "crazy lady" aka Candi Sanders shares a Halloween story as other characters look on.



Roman Soldier aka Glenn Williams and Bumble Bee aka Linda Wilson were in the group during a funny part of a game.



Doni Stoner getting the crowd going as the creator of the many games played. She was assisted by Professor McGonagall.

Games, Potluck lunch, and of course a Costume Contest rounded out the afternoon.



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Division B Shout Outs

Submitted by: Gloria Harmon, Division B Director

Division B had four goals listed on the Division B Success Plan that are as follows: 1) each club finish their educational goals 2) each club recruit eight additional members for the year 3) each club have at least eight members per club with dues paid on time 4) each club have seven for seven club officers trained at TLI for the Fall and upcoming Spring sessions. Division B has won the Zenith award for having the most clubs with paid dues. See Us Speak and Club 281 have both won the Smedley award for each recruiting eight new members by September 30, 2018.

Recruiting Members

Thomas Patrick Colling recruited fifteen members. Stacy Braun recruited eight members.

Madan Nirmalraj recruited seven members. Prem Nataraj recruited five members.

Cynthia Jenkins recruited 3 members. Venkatesh Manchikalapudi recruited three

Prem Nataraj received the Circle of Honor award.

Educational Triple Crown

Thomas Patrick Colling (9), Madhavi Dasari (3), Gloria Harmon (5), Pamela Hogan (3) Janine Jernigan (3),

Oprea Simona (3).

members.

Pam Hogan awarded Club President of the Year Small Talkers. Simpson Williams awarded Club VPE ofthe Year Club 281. Prakruthi Vishwanath awarded VPPR of the Year Club 281. Gloria Harmon awarded SAA of the Year Small Talkers.

District 24 Club Awards

Come and See Our Club /Club 281, Mentor Me/Club 281, Talk UP Toastmasters Award/Club 281.

- **There is a strong possibility that Division B will be adding two new clubs.
- ** My profound apologies to anyone in Division B whose name was not listed when it should have been.

"Teamwork makes the dream work..." John Maxwell



The Division B team, I to r, Area B14 Director Sandeep Puniya, Division B Director Gloria Harmon, Area B11 Director Felecia Jones and Area B12 Director Matthew Pleggenkuhle won the first ever gold Zenith Star award for the division.



Evelyn Mosley, Club VPE of the Year; Pam Hogan, Club President of the Year; and Gloria Harmon, Club Sergeant-at-Arms of the Year.



Parliamentarian's Corner

Your RIGHTS as a Member

Submitted by: Karen Watson DTM



Toastmasters prescribes the use of Robert's Rules of Order. According to the principles underlying parliamentary law, there are five 'rights' in an organization. Can you name the five

'rights' and tell to whom they belong?

Right #1 As a member, you are entitled to full participation in your organization's proceedings with the right to attend meetings, make motions, speak in the debate, and vote. This is called 'the right of the individual member'.

Right #2 Any member, or sub-group of members, has the right to make the maximum effort to have a position declared the will of the assembly to the extent that is can be tolerated in the interests of the entire body. The assembly of an organization expresses its general will by a vote of more than half of its members. This is called 'the right of the majority of members'.

Right #3 It can happen that while one member is speaking, a second member can then make a motion to reduce, limit, or completely stop debate altogether. To balance the rights of these two members, the denial of the right to speak or debate can be accomplished only by a vote requiring at least two thirds vote which is significantly larger than the 'majority of members' (i.e. the general will.) This is called 'the right of the minority, especially a strong minority - greater than one third.'

Right #4 To protect an organization against instability as a result of variations in attendance that could sway voting, there is a requirement that 'previous notice' must be sent to all members in the organization at a reasonable time in advance for motions that: a) deal with certain subjects (see Robert's Rules of Order page 103); b) have an effect of changing or nullifying previous action of the assembly, and c) have a possibility of causing serious disagreements between members. This is called 'the right of an absentee'.

Right #5 Under the rules of parliamentary law, an organization has the freedom to do what it wants as long as it continues to uphold the greatest measure of protection to itself while being considerate of the right of its members. Carefully balancing these rights (of persons, subgroups within the organization, and the total membership) is called 'the right of all these together'.

All members have a responsibility to know, use, and uphold the rights of individual members, the majority, the minority, absentees, and all of these together - in order to assist the organization to function at its best!

For help with this or any item regarding parliamentary procedure, contact:

District 24 Parliamentarian:
Colleen.Steinhauser@methodistcollege.edu

or Immediate Past Parliamentarian: KarenWatsonLincolng@gmail.com



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		ducation	Awards		EC1	10/12/2018	White, David W.	Fairview Toastmasters Club
It is back!					EC3	10/12/2018	White, David W.	Fairview Toastmasters Club
Every month we will be listing the education awards earned for the month! Anyone who has omitted their name from reports will not be listed.					EC2	10/12/2018	White, David W.	Fairview Toastmasters Club
u	en name nom reports will not be listed.				DL1	10/11/2018	Dunn, Annie	Why Not Speak
	VC2	10/28/2018	Lawson, Jacob	Strictly Speaking Club			Bell	Toastmasters Club
	CL	10/28/2018	Lyle, Daniel L	Why Not Speak Toastmasters Club	<u>CL</u>	10/11/2018	Dunn, Annie Bell	Why Not Speak Toastmasters Club
	CC	10/25/2018	Vo, Thanh Dong	International Friends	<u>ACB</u>	10/11/2018	Kendle, Wade R.	Government Gabbers
	SR3	10/23/2018	Colling, Thomas	Omaha Toastmasters Club 281	<u>CC</u>	10/11/2018	Billups, Billy	Lib'Orators Toastmasters Club
			Patrick		<u>ALS</u>	10/10/2018	Lawson,	Strictly Speaking
	MS2	10/23/2018	Gentle, Ann K.	Rail Talkers Club			Jacob	Club
	<u>ALB</u>	10/23/2018	Barry, Cathleen M.	Toast of the Town	<u>DTM</u>	10/10/2018	Lawson, Jacob	Strictly Speaking Club
	<u>IP1</u>	10/23/2018	Ritter, Brett	Pacific Life Whale Talkers	SR2	10/9/2018	Kodidasu, Sai	Omaha Toastmasters Club 281
	LD1	10/22/2018	Jensen, Richard H.	Omaha Toastmasters Club 281	CC	10/9/2018	Chaitanya Manyang, Jacob M	Capitol Voices Club
	CC	10/22/2018	Wallman, Erick J	Offutt Toastmasters	MS1	10/9/2018	Gentle, Ann K.	Rail Talkers Club
	TC1	10/20/2018	McDermott,	Mutual of Omaha	PM1	10/9/2018	Dalke,	See Us Speak
			Kari Nicole	Toastmasters Club	CC	10/8/2018	Michael Keith Buckley, Aimee	Rail Talkers Club
	CL	10/18/2018	Houseman, Karen James	Fairview Toastmasters Club	ALS	10/8/2018	Steinhauser, Colleen	NMC Voices For Change
	<u>ACB</u>	10/18/2018	Naber, Kevin	Beatrice Toastmasters Club	CC	10/7/2018	Marie Nguyen,	NU Toasters
	LDREXC	10/18/2018	Gramlich, Marian Albin	Road 2 DTM	CC	10/5/2018	Hong Phuc Balkovec, Kimberly	Offutt Toastmasters
	CL	10/17/2018	Meier,	E.C. Speakers			Rose	
			Michael A	Toastmasters Club	DL1	10/4/2018	Kucera, Brenda L.	Gateway Club
	<u>ALB</u>	10/15/2018	Fountain, Kimberly K.	Toast of the Town	LD2	10/4/2018	Titus, Claire D.	Capitol Voices Club
	PM2	10/13/2018	Fuqua, Robin	Ad-Libbers Club				

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KEY						
СС	Competent Communicator					
ACB	Advanced Communicator Bronze					
ACS	Advanced Communicator Silver					
ACG	Advanced Communicator Gold					
Cl	Competent Leader					
ALB	Advanced Leader Bronze					
ALS	Advanced Leader Silver					
LDREXC	High Performance Leadership					
PWMENTORPGM	Pathways Mentor Program					
DL (1-5)	Dynamic Leadership					
EC (1-5)	Effective Coaching					
IP (1-5)	Innovative Planning					
LD (1-5)	Leadership Development					
MS (1-5)	Motivational Strategies					
PI (1-5)	Persuasive Influence					
PM (1-5)	Presentation Mastery					
SR (1-5)	Strategic Relationships					
TC (1-5)	Team Collaboration					
VC (1-5)	Visionary Communication					





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Happy Anniversary!

District 24 has some great longstanding and new clubs! Let's all celebrate their anniversary!

9/1/1957	61	Kearney
7/1/1978	40	Rail Talkers
8/1/1978	40	NPPD
8/1/1978	40	HDR Omaha
9/1/1978	40	Plattsmouth
10/1/1979	39	Noonshiners
10/1/1980	38	Innovators
11/1/1983	35	Beatrice
8/1/1985	33	FirsTier
11/1/1987	31	Blue Ah Busters
10/1/1996	22	Prime Time
9/1/1999	19	Small Talkers
8/1/2008	10	On Time Delivery
11/10/2008	10	Conagra Brands - One Voice
8/6/2010	8	Ameritoasters
9/13/2010	8	NU Toasters
8/3/2011	7	Club Oradores

8/30/2016 2 Luminaries
8/21/2017 1 International Friends

District 24 Conference Nebraska Methodist College **Omaha** April 26-28



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

TLI Round 2 Session 1: First Mennonite Church, Lincoln 12/4/18 https://tlir2s2firstmennonite.eventbrite.com

TLI Round 2 Session 2: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Omaha 12/11/18 https://tlir2s2bluecross.eventbrite.com

TLI Round 2 Session 3: HyVee Club Room, Grand Island 12/15/18 https://tlir2s3grandisland.eventbrite.com

TLI Round 2 Session 4: First Mennonite Church, Lincoln 1/5/19 https://tlir2s4firstmennonite.eventbrite.com

TLI Round 2 Session 5: Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha 1/26/19 https://tlir2s5nebraskamethodist.eventbrite.com

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 Location with the complete street address. If there are a building and room 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.
- Make sure your event is meeting brand compliance and following all Toastmasters International policies

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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